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Gretzky scores Order promotion

HONOUR Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean has announced 60 new appointments to or within the Order of Canada.

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky is promoted to a Companion of the Order, as is Calgary Flames part owner Harley Hotchkiss.

Paralympic champion Chantal Petitclerc and retired Supreme Court justice Michel Bastarache are new Companions of the Order.

New Members of the Order include singer Carroll Baker and TV science host Jay Ingram.

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Tatiana Coloma, 22, from Ecuador, gets a flag painted on her face yesterday during Canada Day celebrations at Queen's Park. More Canada Day coverage, pages 3, 8, 12.

Party in the GT-eh

Revellers mark Canada Day

Toronto may have been a bit smellier than normal this Canada Day, but that didn't stop crowds from coming out in droves yesterday to celebrate our nation's 142nd birthday.

CanadaDay

And despite the cancellation of the city's official celebrations — due to a strike by city workers — any bruised civic pride seemed to have been swept under hats and clothing emblazoned with red maple leafs, for just one day at least.

From the Toronto Zoo to Harbourfront Centre to Black Creek Pioneer Village, not to mention countless restaurant patios and backyards, Canadians of every creed and culture revelled in the chance to share time with family and friends.

For many, the day marked a turning point and the dawn of a new beginning. All five members of the Shteiman family — dad Alexander, 38, mom Inessa, 36, daughter Karina, 16, son Ilan, 13, and son Ron, 6 — who came to Canada from Israel four years ago, were sworn in as Canadian citizens at Queen's Park.

"I feel like we've become citizens of the world," said a beaming Karina.

"It's remarkable because now you get to play hockey like a Canadian," Ilan chimed in.

"Today is like everybody's birthday," said Kurbel Estifanos, 7, who sat by the fountain at Nathan Phillips Square. Kurbel was joined by his brother, Natnael, 8, sister, Lidia, 12, and mom, Hareghu Ogbagiorgis, 33.

"In this country, you can be who you want to be and nobody will hold you back," said Ogbagiorgis, who came to Canada 14 years ago from Eritrea. "It's a peaceful country with freedom. It's great to celebrate that."

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Risk assessment delays Toronto sexsomnia case

It will be at least two months before a Toronto man found not criminally responsible for sexually assaulting a woman because he was asleep at the time learns if he faces any long-term restrictions on his freedom.

Jan Luedecke made a brief appearance Tuesday before the Ontario Review Board at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto.

The board is responsible for determining what conditions, if any, are to be placed upon the landscaper who suffers from sexsomnia, a rare sleep disorder.

Rather than proceed with the hearing, the chair of the five-person panel, Joel Goldenberg, ordered Luedecke undergo a "full and complete risk assessment" to measure what threat he could pose to the public.

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House party

- The bizarre assault took place in the early hours of a July 2003 house party in Toronto. The victim, who cannot be named, had been asleep on a sofa when she awoke to find a strange man on top of her, engaging in sexual intercourse.

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Teens robbed in early morning heist
A 12-year-old mugged with a friend may reconsider his bedtime. The boy was near St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive with a 16-year-old friend at about 3 a.m. when two men wearing disguises approached the two, police said. The suspects grabbed the victims' cellphones then ran away. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Rocket launches Bombardier deal

The Toronto Transit Commission announced it has officially signed its $1.2-billion contract with Bombardier for 204 new low-floor streetcars. The deal, first announced in April, calls for delivery of a prototype vehicle by 2011, with passenger service on the first of the new streetcars to begin in 2012, the TTC said in a statement. All 204 cars are to be delivered by 2018. The new streetcars will replace the current fleet of 248 streetcars purchased in the 1970s and 1980s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police seek help in identifying man

IDENTITY Toronto police need help identifying a man found wandering in the downtown core on the eve of Canada Day.

The elderly Asian man was found near Queen and John streets around 10 p.m. Tuesday.

He is described as being about 90 years old, 5-foot-7 with a slim build, grey balding hair and a goatee.

He was wearing a yellow sweatshirt, grey shorts, blue sandals and glasses.

The man speaks Cantonese and Mandarin, but police say he is unable to identify himself or friends and family.

Anyone with information is asked to call police.

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Video Soldiers mark Canada Day in Afghanistan with patriotic tank decor and festivities between battles at **metronews.ca/world**

Blogs The 100-Day Raw Food Challenge takes on the task of creating an uncooked pizza.

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These results are not official.

Mandarin's tasty birthday gift

Chain celebrates Canada Day with free food for Canadian citizens

In a wanton display of gratitude and patriotism, James Chiu invited 30,000 people to a free meal yesterday as part of his Canada Day celebration.

The president of the Mandarin Restaurant chain, Chiu threw open the doors to his 21 gluttony-inducing buffet restaurants across the province yesterday, serving up free meals to anyone with proof of their Canadian citizenship.

"We just wanted to say a big thank you to Canada for giving us this opportunity and freedom that we enjoy in this country," said Chiu, who — like all of the company's managing partners — immigrated to Canada before earning his citizenship. "We were welcomed into this country at various stages of our lives and we're all very happy to be here. Canada Day is the perfect day to show our gratitude to this country."

Waving tiny red fans in the shape of a maple leaf, and occasionally breaking out in a patriotic verse of O Canada, hundreds of people lined up for hours for a chance to get a free meal the Yonge and Eglinton location yesterday — just one of 21 Mandarin outlets across the province taking part.

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James Chiu, centre, president of Mandarin, and other staff members hand out spring rolls yesterday to some of the hundreds of people that lined up outside the Yonge and Eglinton restaurant. Mandarin gave out free food to anyone who showed up with proof of Canadian citizenship.

"This is just one of the advantages to being a Canadian citizen," said Carina Saldanha, 49, as she neared the front of the line. Like others, she had dragged her extended family out at 9 a.m. to get in line — three hours before the restaurant opened and more than five hours before she would be seated.

"We're just happy to be here to enjoy the party on Canada Day."

Chiu said he expected his restaurants to serve an estimated 50,000 sweet and sour chicken balls, 2,000 pounds of rice and more than 30,000 spring rolls, in addition to all the other foods offered at the buffet.

And though he'd like to throw a similar celebration for the country's birthday every year, the $500,000 estimated price tag on the event limits him to offering a day of free meals only once every five years or so.

"If we do this every year we're going to go bankrupt," he said. "This year is our 30th anniversary though, so it's the perfect time." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Agency recalls suspect meat

Check your freezers.

And if you find any President's Choice fresh beef products, look carefully at the best-before dates.

That's because a wide selection of PC-branded fresh beef, imported from JBS Swift Beef Co. in Greeley, Colo., may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria, known to cause gastrointestinal distress and, in extreme cases, death.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has ordered a recall for the suspect products, which carry "best-before" dates of April 29 through June 16. There have been no reported illnesses here.

In Ontario, the items were sold at Cash & Carry, Real Canadian Wholesale Club, Dominion, Extra Foods, Fortinos, Freshmart, Loblaws, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Loblaw Superstore, Valumart, Your Independent Grocer, Zehrs and Westfair.

As well, four- to five-pound packs of Beef Knuckle Roast sold between April 30 to June 10 at Sue's Market in Richmond Hill are also affected by the recall.

The full recall list is available at www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml or by calling CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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Affected product

- PC-branded fresh beef products imported from JBS Swift Beef Co., with best before dates of April 29 through to June 16.

City councillors' pay debate stirred up again

Politicians' pay.

It's always a touchy issue — and before the last municipal election in 2006, city council approved a cost-of-living increase every year.

This year, 18 councillors and the mayor have voluntarily declined the 2.42 per cent hike.

But given the economic climate, the city's finances and now the strike, some opposition councillors have repeatedly tried to freeze councillors' salaries this year, with no success.

"A decision was made ... to separate councillor's salaries." Mayor David Miller

Debate on the freeze never made it to the council floor.

In an ironic twist, the executive committee, which is controlled by the mayor, declined to tackle politicians' pay at the same meeting where pay for the city's managers and non-union staff was frozen.

Since the strike began, Mayor David Miller has brushed aside calls for a special council meeting, saying the item has been dealt with.

"A decision was made some years ago to separate councillors' salaries from what we bargain collectively," Miller told reporters last week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jewish congress not happy with OPP decision

HATE SPEECH Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley says he will review a request by the Canadian Jewish Congress to examine anti-Semitic web postings that resulted in a provincial police investigation, but no charges being laid.

Chris Bentley

A spokeswoman for Bentley says the Jewish group asked the attorney general Tuesday to take another look at whether the online statements constituted hate speech.

The RCMP first investigated online postings attributed to a Salman Hossain after complaints the remarks violated Criminal Code provisions outlawing statements that "wilfully promote hatred against an identifiable group."

The investigation was turned over to the Ontario Provincial Police, which said Monday that no charges are forthcoming.

Mark Goldberg of the Jewish congress's Ontario chapter says he's not satisfied by the findings of provincial police.

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News in brief

MEDIA Specialty television company Channel Zero is about to dive into the conventional television industry with a programming model that meets somewhere between local television and cable news. The relatively small Toronto-based company announced Tuesday it plans to buy local TV stations CHCH-TV in Hamilton and CJNT-TV in Montreal from struggling media giant Canwest Global Communications Corp. and turn one of them into an over-the-air news station. However, the new plan will scrap popular U.S. shows in favour of mostly news programming from a regional perspective on CHCH-TV, followed by movies in prime time and overnight.

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Police looking for witnesses to subway death

Police are looking for people who saw a man struck and killed by a train at North York Centre subway station just after 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Many witnesses left the scene before police were able to interview them, so it is unclear how the man ended up on the tracks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Strike in brief

WELFARE FREEZE Welfare cheques are being issued, though no changes in allocations are being made during the strike. That means if recipients had amounts deducted for earning extra income last month, but they didn't work this month, it wouldn't be reflected in cheques issued last week.

NON-UNION STRUGGLES As the City of Toronto jousts with its striking unionized workers, the association representing non-unionized staff continues to look for ways to get a better deal from the city as well. The non-union staff are working longer hours now and are looking to use that leverage to end a wage scale freeze.

GOLF The municipal workers' strike has shut down operations at all city-run golf courses including Don Valley, Humber Valley, Dentonia, Scarlett, and Tam O'Shanter. The city has security guards stationed at the entrances to block golfers who want to play a round for free.

BASEBALL Kids softball games scheduled for city parks are starting to be cancelled due to long grass that won't be cut until the strike ends. A league official said further games will likely be cancelled.

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Christie in the pits

Community activists furious with local dump

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They are both home to seasonal arenas closed for the summer. A throw away from baseball fields where kids and adults play league games on Sundays.

A whiff away from residents trying to get used to the idea that they now have garbage dumps a short walk down their street.

But that's where the similarities end between the two communities dealing with temporary dump sites: One in Christie Pits and the other on the edge of Runnymede Park.

The Friends of Christie Pits Park, a group of young, organized, slogan-ready activist types, started kicking up a stink days before the site in the park was officially announced. In the past week, they have held rallies and media briefings, called councillors and signed petitions to dissuade the city from opening a dump in their park.

ANDREW WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Garbage fills an outdoor hockey rink at Christie Pits. The site has quickly become the most controversial temporary garbage depot in the city.

Memories of the last strike also motivated the Friends of Christie Pits Park to get organized.

The quieter folk living near Runnymede Park have taken a more passive route: Acceptance.

"What's the point of arguing?" Mario Capizzano said with a shrug.

"People have to understand the garbage has to go somewhere," the retiree said.

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Assistance for autistic kids getting worse, say critics

NDP The backlog of autistic children waiting for crucial therapy in Ontario is growing and in some cases leaving parents to pick up the tab for costly treatment, critics said yesterday.

As of March 31, there were 1,513 children waiting for treatment, an increase over the previous quarter and a trend that autism advocates say shows the government's strategy isn't working.

"The situation continues to get worse and worse, and our elected officials continue to do nothing about it," said Sharon Aschaiek of the advocacy group Autism Resolution Ontario.

94 The waiting list has increased by 94 children since the previous quarter, ending December 2008, when the wait list numbered 1,419.

"We do have to shell out $30,000, $40,000, $50,000 a year or more to pay for sufficient therapy for our children — and let's be realistic, that's a cost that most families can't meet, so as a result our children regress in their skills."

The NDP has warned the situation will get worse if the government does not change course on its plan.

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News in brief

NAVISTAR The CAW says it has been unable to reach a new deal at the Navistar truck plant in southwestern Ontario because of what the union describes as "company demands for massive concessions and job cuts." One-thousand workers are looking at layoffs.

CRASH Police have identified the victim of a crash that killed a woman and injured five other people near Coboconk, Ont. A passenger in the vehicle, 20-year-old Shante Roberts of Scarborough, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Halton motel clerk robbed and tied up

Halton region police are searching for a man who tied up a 64-year-old motel clerk and made off with cash in Georgetown yesterday. The masked man entered the Best Western Motel, demanded cash from the clerk, then tied the man up and forced him into the washroom. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SARAH DEA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mississauga firefighters contain the smoldering rubble left behind by a fire that consumed 55 unoccupied, high-end townhomes causing $10 million in damages.

Suspected arson could top $10M in damages at homes

FIRE The developer of rows of townhouses destroyed by a massive fire Monday night says the damage bill could top $10 million. The fire erupted at about 11 p.m., and Julian Diciano of Dunpar Homes says it may have been the work of an arsonist.

"At this point, all we can say is that the fire department believes it was arson — we just don't know," he said.

"We lost about 55 houses," said Diciano, who added the homes were about 70 per cent completed.

Another fire at the same location in February destroyed eight homes under construction. The homes destroyed Monday night were not ready for occupancy, and no civilians were injured.

However, two firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling the blaze, including one who was treated for heat exhaustion. There were some power outages in the area as a result of the fire.

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Making a difference

Toronto doctor headed to Africa to treat AIDS

Dr. Michael Schull is no stranger to the world of international medicine, with past stints in Iraq, Burundi and Bangladesh under his belt.

But this time around, things will be decidedly different when he heads abroad — and not just because of the destination.

Schull will be joined by his wife, Dr. Josee Sarrazin, and their three young children as they leave the comforts of Canada behind to relocate to Malawi to help battle HIV-AIDS in the impoverished African country.

The family is slated to leave Saturday to spend a year in Malawi. It will take several days for them to make the journey, travelling first to London, then Johannesburg, before flying next week to Blantyre, located about 45 minutes away from their new home in the town and district of Zomba.

Schull, an emergency room physician at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, is on the board of directors of Dignitas International, a medical humanitarian organization that works to increase access to life-saving HIV-AIDS-related prevention and treatment.

Dignitas has focused its humanitarian efforts on Malawi, where an estimated 930,000 adults and children are living with HIV, and where more than 500,000 children have been orphaned due to AIDS. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dr. Michael Schull and his family will be living in the African country of Malawi for one year where Schull, an ER physician, will be working with youth and families affected by AIDS.

Darlington to stay on hold: Premier

NUCLEAR POWER Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty says Ottawa will determine whether Canada's most populous province moves forward with nuclear power.

"The ball's in their court; they have to decide whether they want to sit down and talk to us," McGuinty said a day after it was revealed the expansion of the Darlington nuclear power plant is now on hold because of cost concerns.

The Ontario government had been planning to spend $26 billion adding two new reactors at Darlington to meet the demands of a power-hungry province over the next 20 years.

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News in brief

ACETAMINOPHEN Dr. David Juurlink, head of clinical pharmacology and toxicology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, said the recent findings on acetaminophen highlights the need to pay better attention to doses.

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B.C. toddler recovering after coyote attack

A two-year-old girl is recovering from puncture wounds to her head and ears after being attacked by a coyote in Port Coquitlam, B.C. The toddler was at an elementary school playground Monday when the coyote suddenly emerged and attacked. The coyote was later tracked down and shot dead by conservation officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian in legal limbo

A lower court in Saudi Arabia has once again refused to reconsider its ruling in the case of a Montreal man facing public beheading in Saudi Arabia. The latest decision leaves Mohamed Kohail languishing in a Saudi jail while the case heads back to Saudi Arabia's Supreme Judicial Council again.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper gives a youngster a high-five yesterday as he greets the crowd on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A woman takes a photograph while holding a Canadian flag yesterday as a group of 61 new Canadians takes the oath of citizenship during a ceremony in Vancouver.

Celebrating 142 years

Look ahead to better days, Harper urges

CanadaDay

Canada swapped its economic blues for a rocking 142nd national birthday party that dressed up cities and towns across the country in red and white.

"Together we have faced a challenging year," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told tens of thousands of people who thronged a huge stage yesterday on Parliament Hill and packed the street below.

But Canadians are "a strong and resilient" people poised for better times ahead, he said to cheers from the small sea of waving Maple Leafs.

"We will soon have a chance to showcase Canada to the world," Harper said of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver-Whistler.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, radiant in yellow, emerged from an open landau to the opening concussions of a 21-gun salute and shouted greetings from admirers.

She drew some of the loudest applause of the day's traditional noon-hour show as she ended her speech with: "Happy Birthday Canada! I love you!"

Jean warmly chatted with revellers who showed off the Maple Leaf on T-shirts, sequined bags, flip-flops and oversized hats.

As the Snowbirds and CF-18 fighter jets roared overhead, many people wrapped themselves in the flag and strained over barricades to shake hands with Harper or Jean.

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Canada last on climate scorecard

ENVIRONMENT Canada has fallen to last place in the latest G8 climate scorecard by the World Wildlife Fund and insurance giant Allianz.

The report says Canada is one of the few G8 countries whose emissions are still steadily increasing, and it says it's due in large part to the commitment to expand the tarsands.

The report says Canada's per capita emissions are among the highest in the world and mid- to long-term greenhouse gas targets are inadequate, so Canada, like Russia which is in the sixth spot, has "failed the test."

Germany and the U.K. top the G8 list with improvements to their emissions.

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Two boys rescued after stealing boat

Coast Guard officers rescued two young and cold boat thieves from Lake Ontario late Monday after they abandoned the vessel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Re-enactors head to Fort Niagara

Plains cancellation a boost to other event

Thousands of people whose hopes of re-enacting the Battle of the Plains of Abraham were dashed will be in New York state this weekend to replay another British military victory over the French.

The National Battlefields Commission cited safety and security reasons when it announced in February it was cancelling the planned re-enactment in Quebec City this summer.

Some Quebec sovereigntists had threatened to disrupt the event, which they said would have rubbed salt into the wounds of the French defeat 250 years ago.

Most of those who had been planning to re-enact the Plains battle are instead gearing up for action this weekend in Youngstown, N.Y., across the river from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

More than 2,500 people will recreate the siege of Fort Niagara, where French defenders of the garrison at the mouth of the Niagara River surrendered to the English on July 25, 1759. British mortars had been pounding the fort for two weeks.

The capture of the fort was one of the key events leading up to the French defeat outside the walls of Quebec City later that year on Sept. 13.

"Everyone has thrown their support behind Niagara and that has become the event of the year," said Horst Dressler, president of the Quebec Historical Corps.

Dressler says Fort Niagara organizers originally weren't expecting more than 1,200 costumed re-creators, but that figure doubled after Quebec City was cancelled.

In the original battle, more than 2,300 British soldiers and 1,000 Iroquois took on 600 French soldiers.

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Soldiers re-enact a battle at Old Fort Niagara in this undated handout photo. Thousands of people will be in New York state this weekend to re-enact the siege of Fort Niagara

Prairies parched due to drought

WEATHER Albertans are crossing their fingers that predicted cloudy patches turn into bouts of rain later this week to wash away what has become a dry spring of sunburnt misery.

The driest June ever across Alberta, extending into parts of Saskatchewan, is scorching soccer fields, scratching golf courses, affecting crops and wildlife reproduction and prompting a ban on fireworks.

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The parched weather has taken a toll. To keep the grass from dying, crews in Edmonton have taken to watering the largest 200 of its 1,700 soccer fields.

"Last year we didn't have applied irrigation in any field, that's how bad it is this year," said vegetation manager Gary Chan.

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News in brief

MOOSE MEAT Charitable organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador are upset after the provincial government recently discontinued the donation of roadkill moose meat. The groups say the decision strips them of a vital source of fundraising. For decades, wildlife officers gave charities moose that were killed in road collisions. The groups used the meat at barbecues to raise money. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper, Ignatieff name EI panel

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper has picked his members for a special panel on employment insurance struck this month in a deal to avoid a summer election.

Diane Finley

Harper named Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, his parliamentary secretary, Pierre Poilievre, and Malcolm Brown, a senior official in the Human Resources and Skills Development Department, to the working group.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has said he will appoint MPs Michael Savage and Marlene Jennings, along with Kevin Chan, his head of policy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alberta gases higher: Report
An Alberta government report says the amount of gases from oil wells released into the atmosphere was 7.6 per cent higher in 2008 than in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ignatieff defends remarks

Says comments made about Ukrainians were taken out of context

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff says comments he wrote about Ukrainians 15 years ago have been misinterpreted by the federal Conservatives.

He told reporters after a town hall meeting in Edmonton on Tuesday night that some of the terminology he used was derogatory, but said it was done in an "ironic" manner to describe some of the prejudices about Ukrainian people.

Ignatieff

Earlier this month, Treasury Board President Vic Toews sent a pamphlet to constituents in his riding of Provencher, southeast of Winnipeg.

The pamphlet contained excerpts from Ignatieff's 1993 book Blood And Belonging, in which Ignatieff referred to Ukrainians as "little Russians."

Ignatieff also wrote that Ukrainian independence would for some conjure up images of "phoney cossacks in cloaks and boots, nasty anti-Semites."

The same words angered some members of Toronto's Ukrainian community in 2005, when Ignatieff first ran for office.

They protested outside party headquarters in Toronto.

Ignatieff said at the time his comments had been taken out of context.

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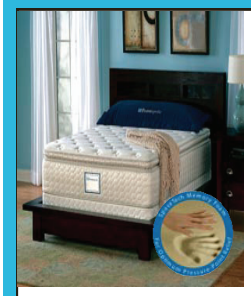
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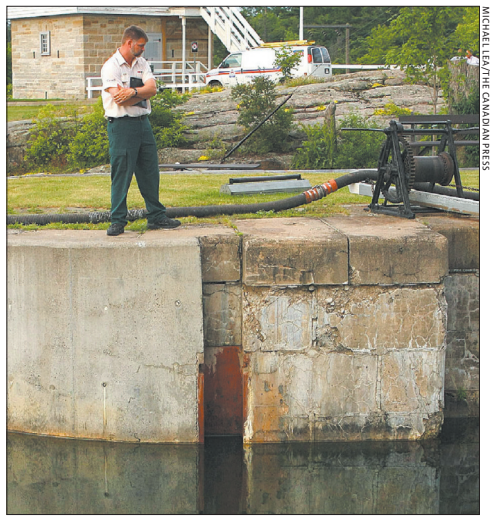
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Parks Canada's Scott Tweedle stares into the water Tuesday where a car with four bodies inside ended up in the Kingston Mills locks on the Rideau Canal northeast of Kingston.

Cops puzzled with bodies found in car

ACCIDENT Investigators were piecing together yesterday the mystery of how a car carrying three teenage sisters and one of their relatives ended up in the Rideau Canal, northeast of Kingston.

The bodies of three teens, ages 13, 17 and 19, all from Quebec, were found along with a 50-year-old woman, described only as a relative, inside a vehicle that had submerged in the northernmost lock at Kingston Mills.

The group had been on vacation in southern Ontario and were on their way back to Quebec, police said yesterday.

"It breaks my heart just saying it," Const. Michael Menor, spokesman for Kingston Police, said in an interview with The Canadian Press.

"You have a family, they've all drowned. It's just horrifyingly tragic."

Built near in the early 1800s, the giant locks are used to lift boats between different levels of water. Investigators are puzzled, Menor said, because they have yet to determine what the car carrying the four Quebec women was doing in the area.

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Teens rescue family from sinking van

Sunny Side

ACCIDENT Two B.C. teens are being hailed as heroes after rescuing an Alberta family from a sinking van.

Tyler Lockerby and Matthew Jackson were driving along the Trans-Canada Highway near Revelstoke, B.C., Monday when the Dodge Caravan in front of them suddenly plunged down an embankment into a frigid lake.

Lockerby and Jackson, both 19, wasted no time springing into action.

"Jackson jumped out of the vehicle while we were still moving, ran down the bank, jumped in, started swimming down and grabbing them," Lockerby said.

"I jumped in, started swimming the people to shore and throwing them up on the side of the bank."

"It's a birthday I won't forget."
Tyler Lockerby

Lockerby and Jackson pulled three people from the submerged van, then went back and rescued a fourth once they were told another person was still trapped inside.

The four family members, an elderly couple from Calgary and their two adult daughters, were rushed to hospital where they remain in stable condition. Lockerby did his best to downplay any notion that he and Jackson are heroes.

The rescue coincidentally took place on Lockerby's 19th birthday.

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FDA reviewing insulin drug

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is reviewing data on the safety of Lantus, a synthetic insulin made by Sanofi-Aventis SA. The move comes after a recent study raised the possibility the once-a-day insulin slightly increases risk of cancer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Canada considering visas: Czechs

The Czech foreign minister says Canada is considering re-imposing visa requirements for Czech citizens. Jan Kohout says Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, left, informed him Canada may choose to do so because of a growing number of asylum seekers, particularly Gypsies. Kohout warns visa restrictions would harm Canada's relations with the Czech Republic and the European Union. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mousavi speaks out

IranCrisis

Iran's embattled opposition leader urged his supporters yesterday to keep pressing for their rights, and the country's reformist ex-president denounced what he called the regime's "velvet coup" against those contesting the outcome of last month's presidential election.

Mir Hossein Mousavi said he considered Iran's clerical-led government illegitimate, and he demanded it release all political prisoners and institute electoral reforms and press freedoms, while former president Mohammad Khatami lashed out at what he termed "a poisonous security situation" in the wake of violent street protests.

"Given what has been done and declared unilaterally, we must say that a velvet revolution has taken place against the people and democratic roots of the system," Khatami said in a statement posted on his website, alluding to the government's declaration of incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as the winner of the June 12 election.

"People's protests were suppressed, those who were required to protect people's rights humiliated the people ... yet it (the government) speaks of national reconciliation and peace," Khatami said.

"It's not yet too late," said Mousavi, who has slipped from public view in recent days.

Mousavi also condemned alleged attacks by security forces on college dormitories where "blood was spilled and the youth were beaten," and he called for a return to a more "honest" political environment in the Islamic Republic.

"A majority of the people — including me — do not accept its political legitimacy," Mousavi said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU to pull out?

- The European Union was preparing yesterday to debate a British request to pull ambassadors of all 27 EU nations from Iran in protest over the detention of Iranian staff at the British Embassy in Tehran.

Look back on how events have unfolded with our ongoing Unrest in Iran Section at **metronews.ca**

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Trooper James Lavoie shows his Canada Day colours yesterday at Canadian forward operating base Ma'sum Ghar, Afghanistan. Lajoie said he would celebrate by "staying alive" and having fun.

Canada Day, Afghan-style

AFGHANISTAN Even though Canada Day meant more missions to hunt for insurgents and roadside bombs along with an ambush for the commander of the forces in southern Afghanistan, Canadian soldiers still found peaceful ways to mark the country's special day yesterday.

Members of Lord Strathcona's Horses, for example, decked out their tanks with several small Maple Leafs that fluttered colourfully against the drab camouflage brown and green as the Leopards rolled out from this small forward operating base in the dangerous Panjwaii district.

Trooper James Lajoie, of Calgary, sporting a bright red tie with a white maple leaf over his combat fatigues, joked his celebration would be to "stay alive." He made no apologies for his non-regulation outfit.

"We got a whole bunch of good Canada stuff from home, so I figured we'd put it on for the day, celebrate as much as we can, keep the spirits and morale high," Lajoie said after taping a flag to the tank's barrel. While Lajoie said Canada Day was special, it was "good to be a Canadian every day."

Meanwhile, Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance was spending his day visiting troops at remote bases in Kandahar province's Zhari district when he happened upon an ambush of a convoy of military and non-military equipment under private security escort.

"We heard the ambush start, and we moved up to investigate.

"We saw the ambush was happening and tried to stop it, and they did," Vance said.

Vance said his escort crew, which travels in a well-armed command convoy, killed several insurgents in warding off the ambush. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parole denied for ailing robber

BRITAIN The British government yesterday refused parole to "Great Train Robber" Ronnie Biggs, saying he is an unrepentant criminal and must remain in jail.

Justice Secretary Jack Straw said Biggs, who is 79 and in failing health, cannot be freed because he does not regret his crimes.

Biggs was part of a gang that robbed a London-to-Glasgow mail train in 1963, in what was called the "heist of the century."

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Convicted train robber Ronnie Biggs, left, in 2001.

The robbery netted 2.6 million pounds — worth more than $50 million US today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Miracle' survivor flown home

PLANE CRASH Despite a fractured collarbone, a teenage girl clung to wreckage of a plane for more than 13 hours before being rescued in the Indian Ocean. The only known survivor of the crash, she was flown back to Paris last night. The Yemenia Airbus 310 was carrying 153 people when it went down early Tuesday in the sea north of the Comoros Islands. A reporter saw 14-year-old Bahia Bakari in a Comoros hospital yesterday as she was visited by officials. "It is a true miracle," French minister for International co-operation Alain Joyandet said, adding that Bahia held onto wreckage from 1:30 a.m to 3 p.m., before being rescued. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SNAKE DEATH Authorities in central Florida said a pet Burmese python broke out of an aquarium and strangled a two-year-old girl in her bedroom yesterday. Lt. Bobby Caruthers of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office said the girl, Shaunia Hare, was already dead when paramedics arrived at about 10 a.m. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Firmly entrenched

Honduras' new chief says only invasion will oust him

Honduras' new leader warns the only way his ousted predecessor will return to office is through a foreign invasion.

"No one can make me resign," said a defiant Roberto Micheletti.

But Micheletti's bold stand defies the United Nations, the Organization of American States, Barack Obama and other world leaders who have condemned the military coup that overthrew President Manuel Zelaya.

A potential showdown was postponed yesterday when Zelaya delayed plans to return.

But pressure continued to grow as the Pentagon announced that joint U.S.-Honduran military operations are on hold "as we assess that situation."

Roberto Micheletti

Soldiers stormed Zelaya's residence and flew him into exile early Sunday.

The UN General Assembly has demanded Zelaya's immediate restoration.

And the Organization of American States said yesterday coup leaders have three days to restore Zelaya to power or Honduras risks being suspended from the group.

That period for negotiation prompted Zelaya to say he was putting off until the weekend his plans to return home today.

Micheletti vowed Zelaya would be arrested if he returns — even though the presidents of Argentina and Ecuador have agreed to accompany him.

Micheletti's foreign minister, Enrique Ortez, said yesterday that while Zelaya would be detained, "we will let his companions enter if they represent friendly countries. If not, no." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London **Heat wave clocks in**

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Big Ben is a historic backdrop as Londoners enjoy a heat wave yesterday. Temperatures were expected to hit 33 C today.

New findings in human origin debate

HISTORY Fossils found in Myanmar could prove the common ancestors of humans, monkeys and apes evolved from primates in Asia, rather than Africa, researchers say. But other scientists said the finding won't end the debate over the origin of humans.

The fossils are said to be 38 million years old — several million years older than any found in Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MIDEAST The blockade of Gaza is causing severe hardship and the situation is getting worse every day, Karen Koning AbuZayd, the head of the UN aid agency for Palestinian refugees, warned yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sony seeks new way to Walk

Company struggles as its pioneering Walkman turns 30

When the Sony Walkman went on sale 30 years ago, it was shown off by a skateboarder to illustrate how the portable cassette-tape player delivered music on-the-go — a totally innovative idea back in 1979.

Today, Sony Corp. is struggling to reinvent itself and win back its reputation as a pioneer of razzle-dazzle gadgetry once exemplified in the Walkman, which yesterday had its 30th anniversary marked with a special display at Sony's corporate archives.

The Japanese electronics and entertainment company lost 98.9 billion yen ($1.17 billion US) in the fiscal year ended March — its first annual loss in 14 years — and is expecting more red ink this year.

The manufacturer, which also makes Vaio personal computers and Cyber-shot cameras, hasn't had a decisive hit like the Walkman for years, and has taken a battering in the portable music player market to Apple Inc.'s iPod.

Sony has sold 385 million Walkman machines worldwide in 30 years as it evolved from playing cassettes to compact discs then minidiscs — a smaller version of the CD — and finally digital files. Apple has sold more than 210 million iPod machines worldwide in eight years.

There is even some speculation in the Japanese media that Sony should drop the Walkman brand — a name associated with Sony's rise from its humble beginnings in 1946 with just 20 employees to one of the first Japanese companies to successfully go global.

"The Walkman's gap with the iPod has grown so definitive, it would be extremely difficult for Sony to catch up, even if it were to start from scratch to try to boost market share," said Kazuharu Miura, analyst with Daiwa Institute of Research in Tokyo.

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Sony Corp.'s first Walkman is shown at a special display commemorating the Walkman's 30th anniversary, which opened yesterday in Tokyo.

Runaway hit

- The original Walkman was as big as a paperback book, and weighed 390 grams (14 ounces). It wasn't cheap, especially for those days, costing 33,000 yen ($340 US), but became a hit.

Crude falls for 2nd day despite demand drop

ENERGY Oil prices fell yesterday despite another decline in crude supply, with lingering doubts about whether people and businesses will be using more energy anytime soon.

Crude supplies have fallen in seven out of the past eight weeks, according to a U.S. government report yesterday. Benchmark crude for August delivery fell 58 cents US to settle at $69.31 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange with one trading day left in a holiday-shortened week. In London, Brent prices lost 51 cents to settle at $68.79 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

All major fuel futures fell on Nymex yesterday, and gasoline led the way. Average retail gasoline prices have now fallen for 10 straight days.

The U.S. Energy Department said in its weekly report that the massive surplus of oil in the U.S. continued to shrink last week. Crude supplies fell more than some expected, losing 3.7 million barrels for the week ended June 26.

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Crude supplies in the U.S. fell 3.7 million barrels for the week ending June 25.

Mondavi Winemaker's profits slide

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In this file photo, auction-goers make their way past lots on display in the barrel room at the Robert Mondavi Winery during the Napa Valley wine auction in Oakville, Calif. Mondavi's parent company, Constellation Brands, says its first-quarter profit slid 85 per cent partly on increased restructuring charges.

Anti-flu drug to be cheaper for poor nations

Flu Outbreak

HEALTH Pharmaceutical maker Roche Holding AG said yesterday a new initiative will ensure that poor countries get its drug against influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, at a "significantly reduced price."

A treatment of Tamiflu for a single ill person will cost between two and six euros ($3.25 and $9.75), depending on the dosage, Roche said in a statement.

Tamiflu sells for as much as $100 per five-day treatment course in countries such as the U.S., but since 2005 the company has offered a discounted price of $16 per treatment to poor nations. The company will discuss with UN agencies how to distribute the drug.

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GM, Ford freeze production in Russia

AUTO U.S. car giants General Motors and Ford suspended operations on their production lines in Russia yesterday as the deepening economic crisis squeezes Russian consumers' demand for new cars.

"Having carefully studied the state of the Russian car market and the extent of reduction in the demand from the creditworthy population, we have decided not to force a production increase at our Russian plant this year," said Chris Gubbey, GM Russia's president. The company said no major layoffs would occur among the plant's 1,000 employees, though it was unclear whether that might signal smaller-scale cutbacks.

The financial crisis has caused car loans to all but dry up in what was Europe's most promising car market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ford factory

- Ford shut down its brand-new St. Petersburg area factory until July 13, spokeswoman Yekaterina Kulinenko said.

Business In brief

AIRLINE British Airways PLC called in a government-backed mediator yesterday to help hammer out a deal with unions over thousands of job cuts and pay freeze as the airline seeks to avoid a damaging strike. The airline and unions representing flight attendants and ground staff have failed to agree on a series of measures that the carrier argues are necessary to cope with a downturn in demand cause by the global recession, including more than 3,500 job losses.

MANUFACTURING A report on manufacturing activity shows the sector contracted less than expected in June, and at the slowest pace since last August. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, says its manufacturing index read 44.8 in June. That's up from 42.8 in May. A reading below 50 indicates contraction. June's reading marks the 17th straight month of deterioration in manufacturing.

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Your cheating heart

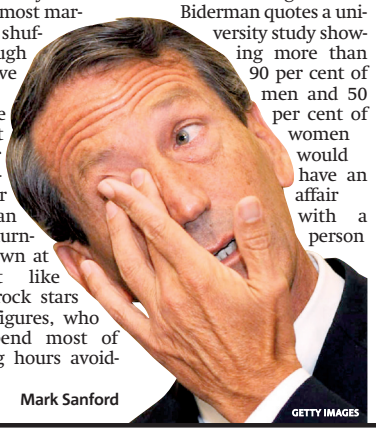
ModernLife

Last week, South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford admitted to an affair, the second American politician to go down, so to speak, in the past few weeks. Nevada Senator John Ensign (the first) must be relieved the public's guns are turned elsewhere momentarily.

The media asks whether either of these guys will continue in office. Me, I'm wondering why they gambled so big? Did either watch former New York governor Eliot Spitzer tap dance in front of the cameras last year as his wife endured her worst moment ever?

Noel Biderman, president and CEO of Ashley Madison, the infidelity dating site, says the more you have to gamble, the more you're going to gamble. "A lot of people in politics have already taken massive risks and they've paid off. They think they can continue to do it." Biderman figures the Teflon effect (nothing sticks) gives them that feeling of invincibility.

Of course, most married people shuffling through daily life have infinitely more trouble sussing out an affair with someone better looking than the spouse turning them down at home. Not like politicians, rock stars and sports figures, who seem to spend most of their waking hours avoiding them. After all, do you have groupies?


Mark Sanford
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Modern technology has been a boon to low-budget, would-be cheaters. All you need is a computer to locate the object of your new affection and a cellphone to hide it from your soon-to-be ex.

The little people are just as susceptible to temptation as are the big cheeses. Biderman quotes a university study showing more than 90 per cent of men and 50 per cent of women would have an affair with a person of their dreams (Sting?) if they wouldn't get caught or feel guilty, which brings me to my real question. What's keeping that measly 10 per cent of men faithful?

I thought pictures might tell me what the stories didn't. I was curious to find out what Sanford's girlfriend looked like (beautiful), wife (pretty), children (adorable). In fact, after seeing Sanford's kids in one family photo, I was puzzled by his compulsion to gamble with the family jewels.

With all the odds staked in favour of Mark Sanford being a cheating man, the opportunity, the excitement and the fact that a heck of a lot of married people cheat these days, maybe he should have kept a little family photo in his chest pocket, just a little bit nearer to his heart.

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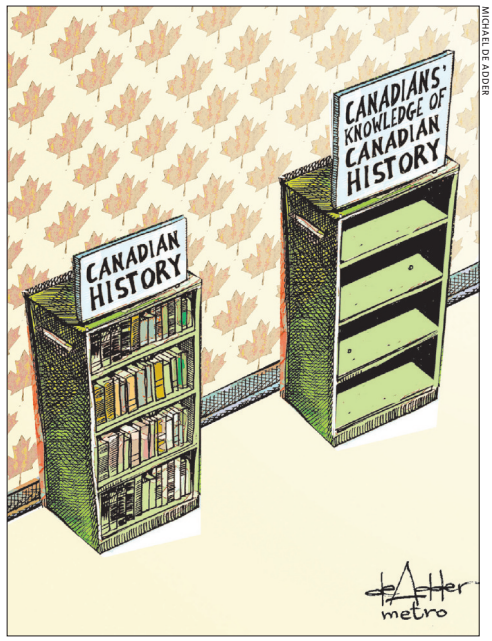

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Worth mentioning

Comedian's victory gives Democrats reason to smile

Amid a tight U.S. Senate race, Al Franken refused his rival's calls for an election night concession in November. The nearly eight months of vote counting and courtroom haggling ultimately paid off for the Democrat and his party.

Franken's victory over Republican Norm Coleman gives Democrats 60 seats in the 100-seat U.S. Senate, the critical number needed to overcome Republican delaying tactics meant to stall legislation. When Franken is seated, which could come as early as next week, his party will have a majority not reached on either side of the aisle in some three decades.

Coleman conceded the election hours after a unanimous state Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Franken — who moved into politics with books poking fun at conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh — should be certified the winner. In doing so, Coleman pulled the plug on a bitter election that was decided by 312 votes out of almost 2.9 million cast.

Al Franken
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Franken, 58, has come a long way from goofy 1980s skits on the comedy TV show Saturday Night Live in which he mocked politicians and pranced around in little more than a Speedo.

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Views

A checkered history of Canadian feminism

FourthWave

There's plenty to celebrate on Canada Day — we're a nation of many cultures, many opinions; a vanguard for human rights — so what better time to celebrate (or rethink) what Canadians fought for in the name of feminism.

Nellie McClung, one of Canada's earliest feminists, successfully campaigned for the vote in Manitoba. Clever, articulate and quotable (she famously said, "Never retreat, never explain, never apologize — get the thing done and let them howl"), she saw a link between human rights and women's rights, but that belief wasn't absolute: McClung supported eugenics and believed "young, simple-minded girls" should be sterilized under a 1928 bill in Alberta.

Her peers shared her views, including fellow Famous Fiver Emily Murphy. Murphy, under the pen name Janey Canuck, also argued for immigration control — "black and yellow races may yet obtain the ascendancy," she wrote in Maclean's, threatening to "wrest the leadership of the world from the British."

Alongside the black spots in our history are silly ones. Singer Rita MacNeil, now more matronly than incendiary, wrote women's lib songs in the 1970s. The male-dominated RCMP deemed MacNeil and her feminist ilk dangerous enough to spy on. While the force fretted about The Red Peril, massive social change was happening under its nose.

Celebrate the history-makers. Henry Morgentaler began performing illegal abortions in 1968, when the procedure was legal only to mothers facing health risks, and Stephen Lewis works tirelessly to improve the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa. A new breed is making its mark, too: Lesbian and Muslim Irshad Manji writes about how to reform Islam, and Herizons and Shameless magazines shine in feminist media.

Still, there are great tragedies. It's estimated 520 native women have gone missing or been murdered since 1970. Last fall, the UN appealed to the federal government to investigate why the system failed to protect these women.

Systemically, the laws still reflect inequity. Recommendations from 1967's Royal Commission on the Status of Women are still unaddressed today: Daycare, wage equality, effective family law. And new issues pose great challenges: Discrimination based on sexual orientation or race, and violence against women.

There's much to celebrate, but we must learn from our checkered history, from racist policies to missing women — because, to borrow a phrase from Nellie McClung, "No nation rises higher than its women."

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

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Leafs third worst team in pro sports: ESPN

The Toronto Maple Leafs finished in 120th place on ESPN's annual ranking of the 122 teams in the NHL, MLB, NBA and NFL. The Blue Jays were the top Canadian team on the list at No. 34, while the Raptors were No. 105. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim topped the list, while the Los Angeles Clippers ranked last. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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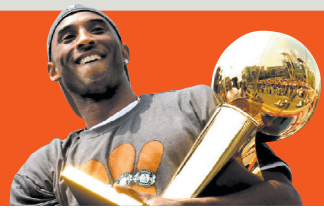

Kobe wants to be in L.A.

Kobe Bryant, left, has chosen not to terminate the final two years of his contract and will remain with the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers. The MVP of the NBA Finals had until Tuesday to become an unrestricted free agent. Bryant has spent his entire 13-year career with the team, winning four NBA championships. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Toronto Blue Jays Ricky Romero pitches against the Tampa Rays yesterday. All Toronto players had Canada on their jerseys during the Canada Day matchup.

Romero shuts down Rays

MLB RESULTS

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RAYS AT BLUE JAYS

BASEBALL Ricky Romero had a devastating changeup yesterday that helped the Toronto Blue Jays end a four-game losing skid.

Rod Barajas, Adam Lind and Scott Rolen hit solo homers and Romero allowed four hits while striking out seven over eight innings in a 5-0 victory over Tampa Bay, ending the Rays' string at seven wins before a Canada Day crowd of 30,533 at the Rogers Centre.

"It was a big weapon today," Romero said of changeup.

"Some people say it looks like a splitter and some people say it looks like a screwball. I know where it's going, but I'm just trying to make it a quality pitch. Every off-season I try to work on that pitch, trying to throw the hell out of it when I play catch. It's just getting better."

Rolen also hit a single as he extended his career-high hitting string to 19 games. His sixth home run of the season came on the 108th and final pitch of the game for James Shields (6-6) and immediately followed Lind's 16th homer. Barajas hit his eighth with one out in the seventh.

The Blue Jays came up with the big hits that have been lacking — including Marco Scutaro's third-inning double that produced the first run — to score all their runs, four earned, against Shields who allowed seven hits and a walk in 7⅓ innings.

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Burke remakes Leafs

Komisarek, Exelby, Orr will make Buds tougher to play against

The Maple Leafs better have a pretty good penalty killing unit next season.

They're going to need one with the tough, take-no-prisoners kind of players GM Brian Burke picked up yesterday in defenceman Mike Komisarek, defenceman Garnet Exelby and enforcer-winger Colton Orr.

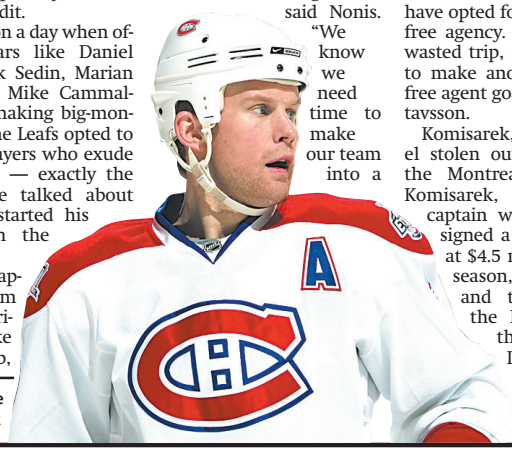
Combined, they've played 963 games, accumulated only 22 goals and have 1,556 penalty minutes to their credit.

Indeed, on a day when offensive stars like Daniel and Henrik Sedin, Marian Hossa and Mike Cammalleri were making big-money deals, the Leafs opted to go after players who exude pugnacity — exactly the type Burke talked about when he started his reign with the club.

"It was apparent from the time Brian Burke took the job, he wanted the Leafs to be tougher," said assistant GM Dave Nonis. "We wanted players who would not just fight, but play hard. We think we accomplished that."

The Leafs also got younger, with the players acquired yesterday in their mid-20s while they parted ways with 32-year-old Pavel Kubina.

"They'll be with this team for the long haul," said Nonis. "We know we need time to make our team into a contender. We wanted guys who could be here when we become contenders."



Mike Komisarek

There is more to come. The Leafs are listening to all proposals for defenceman Tomas Kaberle, hoping to flip him for a scoring forward they failed to land yesterday.

Burke was in Sweden, foiled in his attempts at talking to the Sedins, who re-signed with Vancouver moments before they could have opted for unrestricted free agency. It won't be a wasted trip, since he'll get to make another pitch to free agent goalie Jonas Gustavsson.

Komisarek, 27, is the jewel stolen out from under the Montreal Canadiens. Komisarek, an alternate captain with the Habs, signed a five-year deal at $4.5 million US per season, adding size and toughness on the Leaf blue-line that includes Luke Schenn.

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Notable deals

- Donald Brashear, F, Washington, signed with N.Y. Rangers, terms not disclosed.
- Mike Cammalleri, F, Calgary, signed with Montreal, five years, $30 million.
- Scott Clemmensen, G, New Jersey, signed with Florida, three years, $3.6 million.
- Erik Cole, F, Carolina-Edmonton, signed with Carolina, two years, $5.8 million.
- Hal Gill, D, Pittsburgh, signed with Montreal, two years, $4.5 million.
- Marian Hossa, F, Detroit, signed with Chicago, 12 years, $62.4 million.
- Nikolai Khabibulin, G, Chicago, signed with Edmonton, four years, $15 million.
- Mike Knuble, F, Philadelphia, signed with Washington, two years, $5.6 million.
- Tomas Kopecky, F, Detroit, signed with Chicago, two years, $2.4 million.
- Scott Niedermayer, D, re-signed with Anaheim, one year, $6 million.

Argos take season opener

CFL RESULTS

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ARGONAUTS AT TIGER-CATS

FOOTBALL Kerry Joseph threw three touchdown passes while Jamal Richardson ran for 124 yards and a TD as the Toronto Argonauts earned a 30-17 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to kick off the 2009 CFL regular season last night.

The win marked the successful debut of Toronto head coach Bart Andrus, the former NFL and NFL Europe coach who was appearing in his first CFL game. Andrus is also serving as the Argos' offensive co-ordinator and is calling the club's offensive plays.

Andrus had the golden touch in the first quarter as Toronto surged into a 20-0 lead and never really looked back, effectively subduing the Ivor Wynne Stadium gathering of 23,211. The Argos cemented the win on Joseph's 22-yard TD strike to rookie Matt Lambros at 2:17 of the third, capping a four-play, 62-yard drive to open the second half.

Joseph finished 14-of-29 passing for 227 yards and the three TDs, but was sacked four times.

Sophomore Quinton Porter had a rough outing for Hamilton, completing 26-of-39 passes for 234 yards and two TDs, but threw two interceptions. Porter was also sacked five times.

The game featured the intensity usually equated with a Toronto-Hamilton contest, with a melee breaking out on Toronto's second play from scrimmage that resulted in two unnecessary roughness calls and an objectionable conduct penalty.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Brazil has ended Spain's one-year reign at the top of FIFA's rankings, rewarded for its comeback win over the United States in the Confederations Cup final. Canada, however, dropped nine spots to No. 92, sandwiched between Sudan and Iceland.

MLB Baseball is expanding all-star rosters yet again. Each league will have 33 players for the July 14 game at St. Louis, with an extra pitcher added to bring the total to 13. The commissioner's office said the extra spot will be a manager's choice. Rosters were expanded to 32 from 30 after 2002's 7-7, 11-inning tie in Milwaukee, when both leagues ran out of pitchers.

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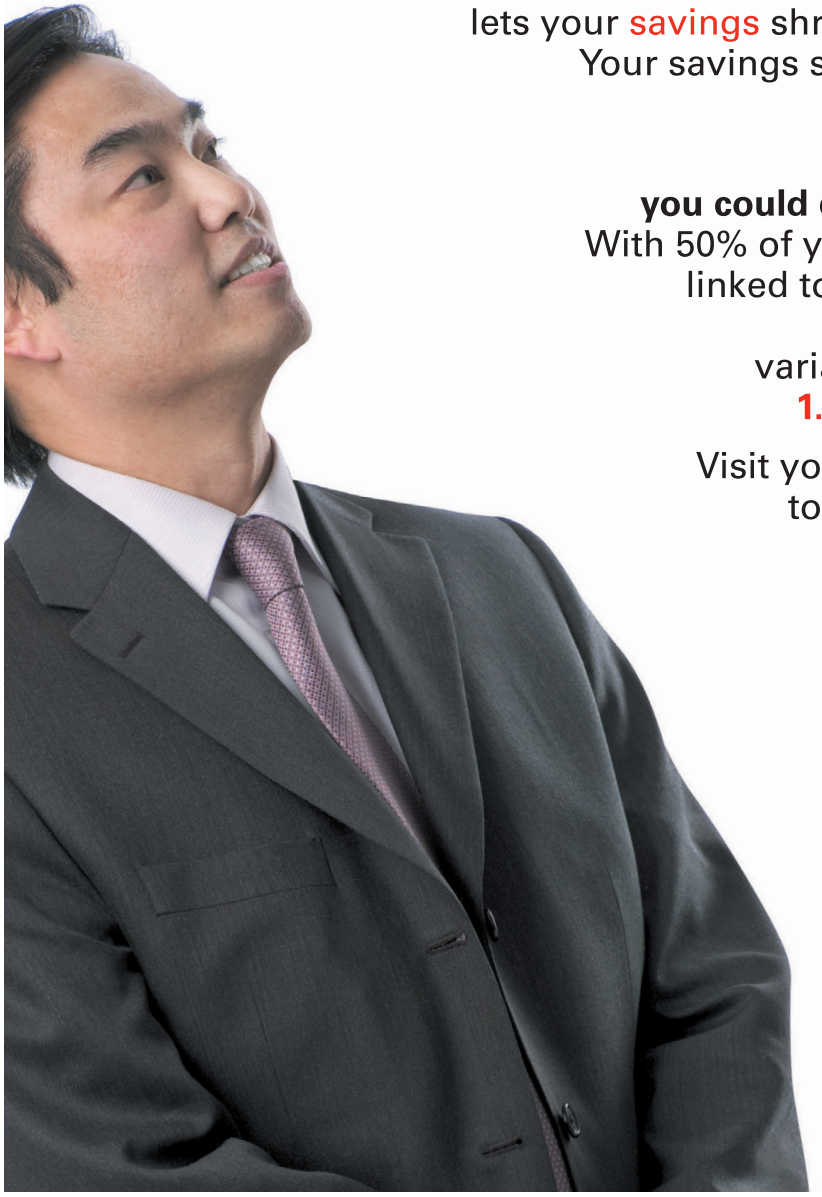

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Mark McEwan's new line of cookware features a full line of tri-ply pots and pans made from professional quality stainless steel construction and suitable for any cooking surface. They are available at Sears and McEwan across Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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McEwan releases cookware

Renowned chef, TV personality, Toronto Restauranteur and gourmet grocer Mark McEwan has released his first line of professional cookware. Priced between $14.99 and $699.99, you can check out some of the line in today's Homes section.

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BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

Metro launches Your Space in an effort to feature homes and people with character in Toronto's eclectic neighbourhoods.

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Has the buyer's market suddenly turned into a seller's market?

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Resident: Rachel Conduit, 24, Artist and Special Events Manager
Space: Two-bedroom apartment in three-floor walkup
Location: Leslieville
Price: L$690/month (utilities)

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

In Rachel Conduit's home, life imitates art.

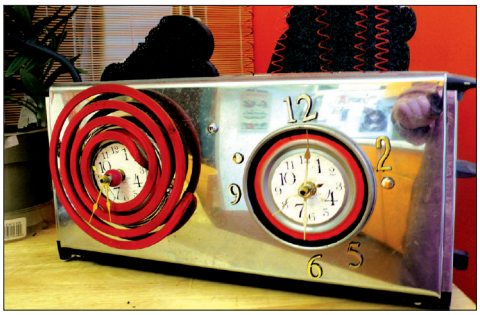
Her exaggerated portrait collection "Popsicle Stick Apartments" lines the top of the walls in her living room/office, the characters' quirks as common as those in her apartment.

They start in the same room, which features a corner fireplace, dark hardwood and a rustic-looking bookshelf — three of Conduit's favourite elements in the place.

But her most loved is the fire escape accessible from her bedroom. "I missed having an outdoor element," she says, "The fact that I just covered it in grass makes it still feel like it's a real space."

Nature is another running theme throughout. Having last lived in a dark basement apartment, Conduit is still excited about her new abode's large, city-view windows. "I can't live without natural light!" she insists, "Now that I have it, I'm never losing it."

Found objects are commonplace in Conduit's space. She found a large, broken armoire on the curb one day and decided to split it in half. One side now stands tall beside her computer desk for office storage, while she turned the other into a kitchen table, nearby which sits a toaster clock she found at Value Village ("I picked it up, then put it down and the guy said, 'If you put that down, it's going to go in five seconds,'" she quips).



Above: The unique toaster clock of Rachel Conduit's, right, space.

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Although the apartment has two bedrooms, Skibby the cat is Conduit's only roommate, which allowed her to turn the second room into her art studio.

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Watch out! It's the invasion of the home snatchers

Buying a **Home**

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Metro reporter Robyn Young will be taking readers on a whirlwind tour of the trials and tribulations of buying her first home. Check back every week for her accounts.

After months of friends, relatives and colleagues telling me, "It's a great time to buy!" It turns out that at almost exactly the time I started looking for a home, it became a horrible time to buy.

What was once a huge buyer's market with rock-bottom mortgage rates and homes listed at bargain-basement prices, has suddenly turned into a real estate boom in the month of June.

Recently I emailed my agents' colleague (who's filling in for her while she's away on a two-week vacation) to ask about two properties. The first was a one-bedroom condo at College and Bathurst for $319,000 and the second a two-bedroom Leslieville home listed at $329,000.

Already, they're both more than I can afford but recently I've started feeling desperate. I just want a home; a place to hang my hat; somewhere to rest my weary head, cuddle with my cats and brew a nice cup of homemade coffee, never mind hang up my perpetually wrinkled clothes and store my suitcase for a while.

It turns out both properties will hold open houses that weekend but won't take offers until a specific time the following week. This can only mean one thing: Bidding war.

Still, I go see the places and when the agent asks if I'd like to make an offer, I tell her I could only, at the very most, manage the asking prices.

Buying a home can be disheartening sometimes when properties are sold before you even get a chance to bid.

"Well there's no point then," she says brusquely.

The last one-bedroom unit sold at College and Bathurst went for $380,000 she says and the house would likely hit $350,000 or more.

What?!

What's going on here? What happened to the buyer's market?

"I've been run off my feet; everything's gone berserk," the agent says, relaying horror stories of clients who have gone through three or four bidding wars in the past weeks and lost each one along with the money they doled out for home inspections.

It's like invasion of the home snatchers.

With the grim recession headlines over the winter months, everyone scrimped and saved, holding on to every last penny and maybe even learned how to darn their socks. But now, with the warm weather and a bit of optimism in the air, the market is replete with hungry buyers. Many of them first-timers like me.

In the following days, almost before I even have a chance to inquire about a listing, it's sold.

I send my agent emails reading something like this: "I'd like to look at property A, B, C, D and E."

Her replies read something like this: "A, B and C are sold, D is sold conditionally and E is taking offers on Tuesday." (read: There will be a bidding war driving the price up many thousands of dollars and you can't afford it!).

I find out the small, two-bedroom semi in Leslieville that was listed at $329,000, sells for $390,000.

As each day passes I get more and more anxious.

I eagerly wait for the day's listings to pop up in my inbox every morning and every morning I'm disappointed. There are dozens of tiny, glass, sky boxes clustered around the CN Tower and the Rogers Centre, but if you're looking for something with a bit of a neighbourhood feel, they're few and far between.

When they do show up, they're sold within hours or subject to bidding wars.

I decide I need a week off before I get myself caught in a pickle that I can't afford.

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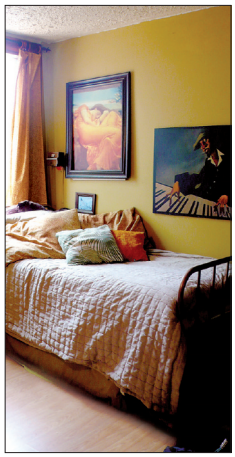
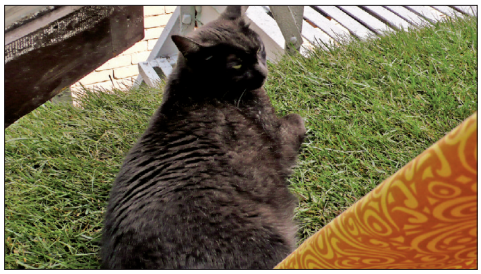
arty life in Leslieville





Art adorns the walls and Skibby, the house animal of Rachel Conduit's apartment, sits on the fire escape in these pics.

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"The ability to have a studio space where I can create a mess, get paint on the floor and leave it a mess lets me feel like I can be creative at any time instead of having a studio elsewhere," she says.

And Conduit wouldn't want to go anywhere else.

"I love this community. It's like a small town. Everyone's super-friendly and I wanted something I could afford still in this neighbourhood," she says. "It's in the neighbourhood I love but it's a little more quiet. I just go one block away for the street life."

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Beautiful window boxes are easier than you think

Why are some window boxes so beautiful while others are so blah?

It's all about design, according to Sonia Uyterhoeven, the gardener for public education at The New York Botanical Garden. Choosing and positioning plants with an eye to symmetry, repetition, colour, plant shape and size can turn ordinary window boxes into stunners.

Even a mostly green window box with herbs and other edibles can look beautiful if you mix plants with different foliage and shades of green. For a dash of colour, add an edible flower or flowering herb.

Here are some of Uyterhoeven's tips.

Design:

Common, inexpensive annuals like petunias and coleus are fine for window boxes. But limit yourself to a few varieties and pay attention to the colour of the foliage and flowers.

"Avoid the temptation to buy one of everything you see," Uyterhoeven said. "Repetition is crucial in any good window design. Simple symmetry makes it coherent."

A tall plant on one side of a window box, with a flat carpet of blossoms filling the rest of the space, can look unbalanced. A window box that's all impatiens or all begonias "can have a flat look," Uyterhoeven said. "You need different heights to have a successful arrangement: Tall, medium and a spill-over."

Consider the "architecture" of the plants, Uyterhoeven said. Some are tall and spiky, some flutter in a soft wave, and some creep or cascade over the side of the box. Think about how the arrangement will look when the blossoms are spent.

"If it's not flowering, does it look bland? If the foliage has different shapes, it will still look nice," she said.

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This New York City home uses trailing vines and pansies in its window box, using repetition to create a slightly formal design and a colorful welcome for visitors to the front steps.

You can give a polished look to any window box by simply alternating upright flowering plants like geraniums with a trailer, like ivy or sweet potato vines, which have soft, pale green, heart-shaped leaves.

Some of the most appealing window boxes sport what Uyterhoeven describes as an "informal cottage look." Nothing dresses up a window sill better than a cheerful mass of pansies with painted faces waving softly in the breeze.

Such arrangements may lack symmetry and other formal design elements, but the best ones mix a few colours that complement each other. Window boxes that are too busy can look messy or flat.

Colour:

"Colours change based on what you pair them with," Uyterhoeven said. Green looks paler next to yellow, while you might not notice the red veins in a leaf until you pair it with a red or purple flower.

Bright colours look better in bright sun, while pale colours can fade in sun but look lovely in shade, Uyterhoeven said.

Experiment with colour combinations. Red and purple go surprisingly well together, she said.

Other colour theory tips: Bright yellow combines well with red and orange; pale yellow combines well with blue. Silver foliage makes blue look more intense, but blue can disappear against dark green.

White reflects light and illuminates shady spots. It also can neutralize loud colours like hot pink, and can separate colours, keeping them from blending or clashing.

Maintenance:

Be vigilant about deadheading pansies, violas, petunias, marigolds and other blossoms that quickly fade, and trim plants like coleus and impatiens when they get tall and rangy. "Don't be afraid to cut back above the leaf node," Uyterhoeven said. Some cuttings, like coleus, can be easily rooted for a new arrangement.

Herbs and edibles:

To make an herb window box visually appealing, mix different shades of green and leaf types. "In a monochromatic design, the textures and shapes are more prominent than when you have a mix of colours," Uyterhoeven explained.

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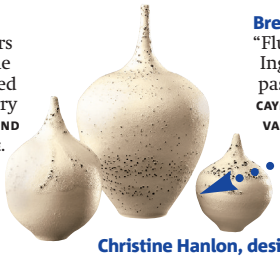

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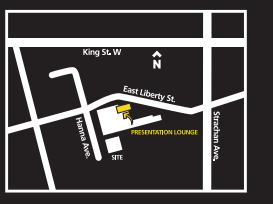

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Grassroots growing concern

Don't let a physical disability stand between you and your garden

My husband, Ian Parker, and I love gardening together at our west-end Toronto home.

He contributes much of the vision, keeps me company while I work and occasionally does a last-minute nursery run when we're low on soil or mulch.

I'm the one who does the dirty work. I do the planting and the pruning, the weeding and the watering, coaxing our greenery into something close to splendour. Our roles are well defined out of necessity.

Ian is quadriplegic; he can't walk or use his hands well, and he uses a power wheelchair. Needless to say, Ian doesn't do shovels. But he's as much a part of the growth of our garden as I am, and he can admire an azalea or delight in a delphinium with the best of 'em.

Ian is not alone, of course; people across the country contend with physical disabilities, from slight to significant. But that doesn't mean they must throw in the trowel. Like most leisure activities, gardening can be easily adapted for many types of physical challenges.

Often, all that's required is a little thinking outside the flower box. That kind of plotting has become second nature for my colleague Barbara Florio Graham, who lives alone on a pretty cul-de-sac in Gatineau, Que.

She can't bend over or walk unassisted, but she's devoted to her garden. The solution? Barbara's garden is close to maintenance-free. Rather than fuss with exotic plants, she grows hardy native perennials such as trilliums and Virginia creeper; lovely wildflowers like Queen Anne's lace and violets roam where they will.

Spring bulbs have similarly spread themselves, popping up reliably every season. Barbara hires a handyman once a week to cut back ivy or do any hard raking that's required.

But the list of chores isn't usually long. Drip hoses laid through her beds ensure watering is as easy as turning on a tap. And there's no lawn mower in sight: She's had every blade of grass — from both her front yard and back — replaced with plants, shrubs, river stone or gravel.

Her innovation has paid off. "I spend a lot of time looking out the window," says Barbara, who works from home. "I find it very soothing and calming and therapeutic."

Wheelchairs and walkers don't mix well with steps and uneven surfaces. Paths that are paved or made of compacted earth or crushed stone are infinitely easier.

Many people with disabilities find that raised beds or container gardens enable them to still get their hands dirty, minus the stooping or kneeling. And long-handled garden tools will extend your reach when it comes to pruning or weeding.

Whether or not we have disabilities, we can all enjoy the peace and beauty a garden brings to us. Pick up Canadian Gardening for the full article. –BY LISA BENDALL

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Montreal Botanical Garden's paths are very accessible to those with physical disabilities.

Measured approach

- Accessible paths should at a minimum meet the industry standard of 90 centimetres wide, and should slope gently (only 15 to 20 centimetres of length for every centimetre of height). The paths should also be well maintained: Don't let fallen branches lie or allow vines to creep across unclipped.

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Stretch before you hit the garden, or you may have some back aches.

Springing into the garden can be a stretch

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Warm-up with a short walk, then gently repeat each of the following stretches five times. Hold all stretches for 15 to 20 seconds. Stop if it is painful.

Thigh Stretch: With one hand on the wall or a tree, bend your left knee then reach back and hold your ankle with your right hand. Pull your heel toward your buttocks and hold. Relax and repeat with the other leg.

Back Stretch: Sit on a chair and slowly bend your body forward from your hips, putting your head down and resting your hands on the floor. Hold, then relax.

Shoulder Rolls: With your arms hanging loosely at your sides, slowly rotate your shoulders in a circular motion forward, then backward.

Wrist Flexion: Hold one arm straight out as if you were giving a "stop" signal, use your opposite hand to hold this position. Hold. Repeat with the other hand.

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With its minimal energy needs, a ceiling fan is perfect for keeping cool this summer.

Are you lounging around in your underwear to keep cool instead of turning on the air conditioning full-blast?

Well, you can pat yourself on the back because you're doing the right thing, from an environmental point of view anyway. (I'm not sure about the unsuspecting people who may knock at your door, but it's worth it when you're saving the planet, right?)

Well, even if you're not into walking around in your undies, there are fortunately lots of other ways you can keep yourself and your house naturally cool with minimal need for the AC.

When it gets hot outside, keeping cool requires two things. One is that you keep the external heat outside, and two is that you refrain from creating internal heat as much as possible.

If it's going to be a scorcher, keep the sun from shining into your house and heating it up. Keep your windows and curtains closed on the sunny side of the house, and consider keeping all windows shut if the outside air is hotter than the inside air. White window shades or drape liners and blinds reflect heat the best. Once the sun has sunk below the horizon in the evening, you may open windows to allow in cooler air, especially if there's a lovely breeze.

On hot days, a ceiling fan (which has minimal energy needs) should be set so that it blows air down. It doesn't actually make the air cooler, of course, but moving air can make you feel much cooler and more comfortable. A portable fan works in the same way.

Window fans can actually cool down the temperature inside, if used properly. They can be used to create an air flow. For example, you can pull in cool evening air and open an opposite window to push out the heated air that may have accumulated in your home.

An attic fan that blows heated attic air outside is also a great idea because it can create an air flow through the house, pulling up cooler basement air. Investing in increased attic insulation (up to 12 inches) can also make a difference.

Inside the house, keep it cool by managing your time so heat-producing activities occur at night. For example, don't wash clothes until later in the evening and consider drying them on a clothes rack or line outside, if possible. Use cold water wash whenever possible. Wash dishes in the evening, and turn off the heat drying cycle on the dishwasher. If you have a fan installed, use it to suck away hot damp air in places where it is generated, like showers, or laundry rooms.

Cooking, particularly in the oven, will heat up your home fast. Use a microwave, or barbecue outside, use a slow-cooker plugged into an outlet in the garage, or eat a salad meal. If you use your stove or burners, turn on the fan so the heat is whisked outside. Put electronic devices like TVs and computers on a power switch and turn them off when they're not in use so they're not producing heat all day. And as my dad used to say, turn the lights off if they are not needed. Use fluorescent light whenever possible, since incandescents produce heat, besides being inefficient energy users.

Of course, there is nothing better than long-term good planning, and if you can stick around for the long-term, do invest in planting big shady deciduous trees on southern and western exposures.

Minimize hard concrete or stone surfaces around your house in favour of plantings, since stone and concrete retains heat and reflects it back at you in the evening.

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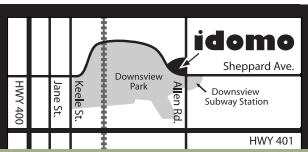

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Brother walks off with the home

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Q **Not so long ago, our accountant suggested that one of our siblings be put on the deed to my mother's house as she was becoming quite infirm and for estate planning purposes, if we had an individual who was on title as joint tenant, the property and its' value would transfer automatically and not form part of the estate assets. The house was a large expensive house in Rosedale and would therefore incur a fair amount of estate taxes if its value flowed through the estate. As my brother was the closest to my mother, he was placed on title and several months later the inevitable happened and our mother passed away. She had made a provision in her will that her estate would be split equally among her three children. Upon sitting with the estate lawyer he explained that the house was now our brother's and that the will instructed the executor to split the remaining assets among the three of us. We know this was not the intention of my mother. What are our options?**

A Technically, the lawyer you consulted with is correct. By right of survivorship, you brother is the sole owner of the property and has avoided having this asset form part of the estate and be taxed by the courts. If he wanted to, he could take a hard-line approach and try to shut the two of you out of the proceeds.

However, you are not without recourse. The first tactic is to approach your brother and try and work out a fair result.

Money and estates do strange things to families and your brother may dig his heels in. I would not advise him to do this as his lawyer, in the interest of family unity: Fair is fair.

Which is the next avenue of recourse. If you can prove that it was your mother's intention by her will and her actions that all her assets be divided equally, you may be successful in convincing your brother he should be approaching this more equitably.

Also, at this point in time, you may want to consider hiring a lawyer that specializes in estate litigation.

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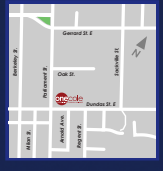

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Understand that the offer work is a process. The first time you sign to an offer sheet you should, logically, feel very little pressure, whether you're a buyer or a seller.

Let's look at the buyer side in detail first. The first step of the process is agreeing upon a price. You shouldn't need to worry about the condition of the home, your financing, how close the schools are, and like items, when you're putting in an offer. Ideally you're already aware of your financial standing as well as issues like proximity to schools and transit. As for the condition of the home, that comes after. Your offer should be conditional on, at the very least, financing and a home inspection. Now of course there are exceptions to this rule but if you are putting in a condition-free offer, your level of comfort should already be past that point.

Examining the common clauses in detail, the financing clause, in plain English, stipulates that you are agreeing to purchase the property at the price set out so long as you're able to arrange a satisfactory mortgage. In other words if you can't afford the place, you're not bound to it. The home inspection clause, similarly, protects your offer. The clause should indicate that you agree to purchase at that price so long as the home checks out fine, and if there are any issues that you refuse to accept and the seller refuses to fix, you reserve the option of walking away. These clauses are not granted nor guaranteed, they must be properly included in your offer to protect you.

Your offer for a new home should be conditional on, at the very least, financing and a home inspection.

From the seller's perspective other factors must be taken into account, such as a suitable closing date and acceptable conditional period (the time between the acceptance of the offer and the date by which all clauses must be satisfied). However, "escape clauses" are, normally, unnecessary. The process for the seller involves signing to a suitable offer, working with the potential buyer to have the conditions satisfied while, ideally, continuing to show the home incase the offer falls through, and finally acknowledging that conditions have been met and that the deal is final.

The main point here is to understand that, as a buyer, you have the time you want/need (so long as you're represented appropriately), to ensure that you know exactly what you're getting into. For the seller, you should realize that a suitable price is only half the battle. Until the conditions have been fulfilled, you should hold off on the champagne.

There is much more to discuss regarding the offer process that goes beyond the confines of this space (such as deposit matters, special conditions, competing multiple offers, etc). If you have any specific questions feel free to email me at amitp@rogers.com. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and fun Canada Day, Happy Hunting!

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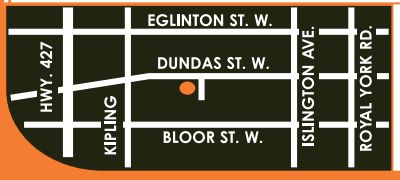

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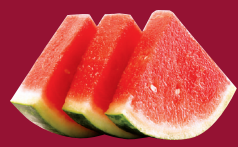

Complement
The fresh cool flavours of watermelon and tomato make the side salad a perfect complement to the flank steak.

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3 dishes, one summer meal

Garlic shrimp, grilled flank steak and a berrylicious crumble

Designed as the online destination for food, the new 20 Minute Supper Club website provides a comprehensive recipe archive, a network for members to share their own favourite recipes as well as create personal profiles, chat about food, and find-and-follow those with similar food interests (think Facebook meets Twitter). Who doesn't need some quick, delicious and healthy recipes — for free? Create your profile at 20minute-supperclub.com and try it out.

This week's full meal includes savory Shrimp in Garlic to start, followed by Grilled Flank Steak with Tomato and Watermelon Salad, and finished with berry-bursting Bumbleberry Crumble.

The first trick to grilling this kind of steak is the generous salt and pepper seasoning rub that is done before cooking the meat. The second is to cook it very quickly on the grill. Five minutes on each side will do it for medium rare. If you leave flank steak on the grill too long, it becomes tough and chewy.

Bumbleberry Crumble is as easy as it sounds. The mix of blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries is fresh and summery, yet still offers that wholesome crunch of oats and brown sugar crumble.

Shrimp in Garlic

SERVES 6-8
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOKING TIME: 10 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 10 Clove garlic, very thinly sliced
- 16 shrimp (26-30 count), peeled and deveined
- 2 teaspoon salt, divided use
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided use
- 1/2 cup white wine or lemon juice
- 1/4 cup roughly chopped Italian parsley

METHOD:

1. In a pot over medium-high, heat oil. Sauté pepper flakes and garlic for a minute, then add shrimp and sauté for another 1 to 2 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon salt and a pinch pepper. Remove shrimp using a slotted spoon when just cooked through and pink. Remove garlic just as it starts to brown and set aside.

2. Add wine to pot (keeping heat at medium-high), and reduce by three-quarters, shaking pan frequently to emulsify sauce, 4 to 5 minutes.

3. Season with remaining salt and pepper and add parsley. Place shrimp on a platter and drizzle with sauce and garlic.

Light seasonal flavours

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If you don't have access to an outdoor grill, flank steak can be cooked under a broiler or stovetop in a cast iron grill pan.

Grilled Flank Steak with Tomato and Watermelon Salad

SERVES 4
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOKING TIME: 10 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 lb flank steak, about 1-inch thick
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon fresh red chili, seeded, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 3 medium tomatoes in assorted colours, cut into 1-inch dice
- 2 cups 1-inch diced seedless watermelon
- 1 tablespoon chopped basil
- 2 teaspoons chopped chives

METHOD:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high.

2. Rub steak with 1 tablespoon olive oil and season generously with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Cook on grill, turning once, about 5 minutes per side for medium-rare. Remove from heat and rest on cutting board loosely covered with foil for 10 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, combine remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, rice vinegar, chili and sugar in a small bowl and whisk to blend. Season with salt and pepper and set aside. In a large bowl, combine tomatoes, watermelon and herbs. Just prior to serving, toss tomato mixture with reserved vinaigrette.

4. To serve, slice steak against the grain into 1/8-inch-thick strips and divide equally among 4 plates. Serve with watermelon salad.

- Chef Notes: If you don't have access to an outdoor grill, flank steak can be cooked under a broiler or stovetop in a cast iron grill pan.

Bumbleberry Crumble

SERVES 8
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COOKING TIME: 40 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
- 1-1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup oat bran
- 1 cup demerara or dark brown sugar
- 1 cup canola oil
- 2 cups each raspberries, blueberries and blackberries

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, mix dry ingredients with a fork. Pour in oil and continue mixing until ingredients clump together.

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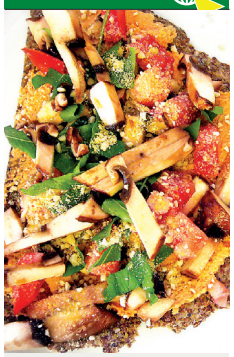

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And for real value, check out their specials, including a phenomenal steak sandwich with a mountian of fresh, handcut french fries, which only runs you $8.99 on Tuesdays.

Exotic tongue teasers

For many consumers ice cream is an indulgence that they simply can't give up, recession or not.

And when they learn that this luscious treat comes in fresh tropical flavours such as mango, coconut, jackfruit and lychee, it seems mouths start watering even more.

"We've noticed that our sales of exotic ice cream has risen during recession times," says Rumi Keshavjee, 43, president of Tropical Treets, based in Scarborough at 130 Bermondsey Rd. "In fact, it's up 10 to 15 per cent."

"In tough times like these, people have to indulge in a little treat and to take your kids for ice cream is a quick fix from the fear and anxiety you are feeling," he says.

Keshavjee and his parents, brother and sister, who are all originally from Pretoria, South Africa, launched the company nearly 18 years ago in Canada.

Their first ice-cream offerings included mango, coconut, rum and raisin and grapenut. These fresh, tantalizing flavours were an instant hit, he says, and the company responded by adding even more exotic treats to its line.

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Rumi Keshavjee is president of Tropical Treets in Scarborough, manufacturers of exotic ice creams.

These included pistachio, saffron and rose, as well as the West Indian favourite soursop. This is a custard-apple fruit with tart white flesh which Keshavjee says was first introduced to the annual Caribana Festival held each August in Toronto.

Rose milk is a very popular beverage served at East Indian weddings, he says, "so we took the concept into ice cream and now it is one of our top sellers."

There is even an ice cream flavoured with Ovaltine, better known as a chocolate malt bedtime drink.

Keshavjee says it's hard to find the cereal in Canada to produce the grapenut flavour, "so we have to bring it in from the U.S. and then we add some barley, whole wheat and malt."

The plant houses a small ice-cream parlour so that visitors and neighbours can drop by for a tropical ice-cream cone or to purchase one-litre containers of the dessert for their home freezers. Besides supplying their ice creams to ethnic restaurants and specialty stores across Canada, Tropical Treets can be found in select supermarkets, says Kehavjee.

Visit tropicaltreets.com for more details.

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Food in brief

HEALTH Tofu and soy milk don't do it for you? There's another way to take advantage of the health benefits of soy — edamame.

- Edamame are young, green soybeans that are harvested at the peak of ripeness, just before they harden. When cooked, they have a nutty, almost buttery flavour and a firm texture.
- Soybeans are loaded with amino acids, healthy fats and other plant nutrients. They also are an excellent source of protein and are low in saturated fat. Look for shelled and unshelled edamame in the freezer case.
- Cooked edamame also can be used in many of the same ways you use cooked beans — soups, salads, stir-fries and dips.
- Shelled edamame can be cooked until tender, then mashed with garlic, lemon juice and tahini to make a hummus-like dip.
- To make a low-fat alternative to guacamole, puree cooked edamame with lime juice and garlic, then stir in chopped cilantro and minced jalapeno peppers.
- oss cooked edamame with blanched green beans (cool both first), chopped red onion, diced tomatoes, fresh herbs and a light vinaigrette to make a refreshing salad.

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French tippling

Huge international wine shows are a strange beast: They offer you everything except the time to experience it all. That sad realization hit me once again as I entered the Bordeaux Exhibition Centre in France last week and waded into a sea of red, white and rosé.

The Centre is the home of VinExpo: A liquid Lollapalooza that (with over 2,400 exhibitors from 48 countries) is arguably the world's largest wine tasting event. Even with all that juice one thing stood out: The French really want you to start buying their wines again.

Producers from the Rhône Valley certainly had their act together with plenty of pamphlet passing and samples of wine that were about as New World as France can muster.

Two from the southeastern part of the region that really impressed me are no strangers to Canada, having been available here for years. The **La Vieille Ferme Rouge 2007 Côtes du Ventoux ($11.95 - $13.99)** has a modern mouthfeel with a touch of chocolate-dipped strawberries that's very barbecue friendly.

Its sister white, the **La Vieille Ferme Blanc 2008 Côtes du Luberon ($11.95 - $13.99)** is green, bright and creamy which makes it ideal for July enjoyment.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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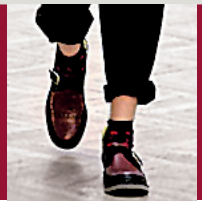
Timberlake clothing line
"I don't really think of myself as ... an entertainer more than a designer. The collection is an extension of what I do as an artist," Justin Timberlake said of his clothing line, William Rast, in an interview with British Vogue. KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS

Style



Off the cuff

The suit got an update for spring during the Paris men's spring 2010 runway shows with cuffed trousers popping up at Hermès, Lanvin and Comme des Garçons among others. The silhouettes were relaxed, and sometimes slouchy, with the cuffs reaching as high as the calf. Maybe that means spring will be all about the socks too? KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS

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The emperor's clothes

Michael Jackson's wardrobe revealed a side of himself overshadowed by the plastic surgery

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

It's interesting to see how Michael Jackson's death has resonated around the world.

From Boston, to Stockholm to Lisbon, newspapers have featured four-, six- and eight-page spreads devoted to his life and legacy. Most of them focus on his ever-changing face, with think pieces examining how his plastic surgery reflected inner conflict about his race and sexuality. But his constantly evolving wardrobe is perhaps just as indicative of who the notoriously enigmatic singer was.

Jackson trademarks included the white glove, bow tie and red leather jacket

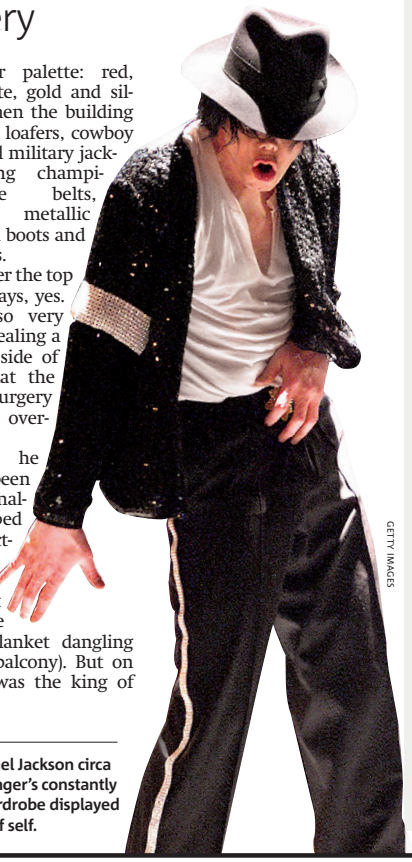
In a recent interview with the AOL blog Stylelist, Phillip Bloch, who dressed Jackson for an Ebony magazine cover shoot (which turned out to be his last photo shoot ever) noted that Jackson was not very knowledgeable of the high fashion world. He asked Bloch if the famous British designer Paul Smith was American, and if the legendary Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto was Italian.

The fact that Jackson wasn't looped into the high fashion world says even more about his trend setting as an artist. Whereas his face may have reflected an uncertainty about his racial and sexual identity, his distinct, sartorial trademarks (the white glove, glittery socks, bow tie and red leather jacket for instance), which began to emerge very early on in his career, displayed a certainty of self as a performer.

And rather than constantly reinvent his wardrobe, the way he did with his face, he instead stuck with a formula and perfected it, adding on bombastic pieces that mirrored his growing superstardom. There was the colour palette: red, black, white, gold and silver. And then the building blocks: the loafers, cowboy boots, regal military jackets, boxing championship-style belts, space-age metallic tops, moon boots and showy suits.

It was over the top in many ways, yes. It was also very telling, revealing a self-loving side of himself that the plastic surgery eventually overshadowed.

Offstage, he may have been an emotionally disturbed and conflicted man (I still cringe at the footage of baby Blanket dangling over that balcony). But on stage, he was the king of pop.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Right: Michael Jackson circa 2001. The singer's constantly evolving wardrobe displayed a certainty of self.

The fashion timeline

A look at Michael Jackson's sartorial milestones:

- Late 1970s — Jackson establishes his white sock/black shoe combo during his final stage with the Jackson Five.
- 1979 — Jackson reveals a new do and a penchant for bow ties and sequins.
- 1983 — The singer's red leather, zippered jacket becomes the It item of the '80s, sparking knockoffs the world over and becoming a symbol of the new MTV generation.
- 1983 — Jackson switches it up to the military jacket at a press conference for Jackson's Victory tour.
- 1984 — The style royalty references become more literal for a visit to the White House.
- 1988 — Jackson rocks a boxing championship-style belt that reflects his winning sales on his Bad tour.
- 1996 — The face mask and extravagant space-age boots become a part of MJ's look.
- 2001 — Revisiting his iconic look during his 30th anniversary show.
- 2007 — In the years following his controversial child molestation case, Jackson tones it down in pared down monochromatic jackets and trousers.
- 2009 — The embellished jacket returns for the press conference publicizing his comeback tour. Jackson also makes headlines for inspiring the highly coveted jackets in the fall and spring '09 Balmain collections.

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Circa 1979

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EVENING SHADE

Sun-kissed skin and beachy waves make a great daytime default look for summer, but evening fetes call for more polish and a hint of drama. (Humidity, be damned!) At Ferragamo, models looked crisp, with subtly sculpted cheeks, eyes rimmed in black liner and hair swept off their necks in elegant, slicked-back buns. Paired with nude lips, it's a midsummer night's dream.

Dior 5 Couleurs Designer All-in-One Artistry Palette in Smoky Design ($58)

Giorgio Armani Sheer Lipstick in Shine 50 ($33)

Yves Rocher 3-in-1 Eye pencil in Noir ($10)

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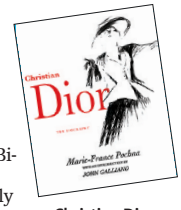

Christian Dior: The Biography

After the humiliation and the privations of the German occupation, Paris was ready to cast off its shackles in 1947, the year that Christian Dior launched his New Look: haute couture dresses that embraced femininity, displayed exquisite craftsmanship and were sold through international marketing campaigns. The man himself, who would be dead a mere 10 years later, is finely captured in Marie-France Pochna's classic study, Christian Dior: The Biography. This heavily illustrated new edition is expertly underpinned with excerpts from the couturier's own diaries and an introduction by British fashion designer John Galliano.

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Columnist sues FOX
Roger Friedman, the columnist who got fired by FOX News this year after he reviewed a bootlegged copy of the Wolverine , has hit back with a $5 million US lawsuit. Friedman claims he was illegally canned and that the copy he obtained came from News Corp. honcho Rupert Murdoch. **POPEATER.COM**

Entertainment

Club member
Hugh Jackman may have hosted the Oscars, but he really wasn't a member of the club. This week, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and invited him to join the honourary body. **PEOPLE.COM**

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●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Wilco (The Album) takes it easy

Alt-rockers get help from Feist, while Moby and Rob Thomas also release new music

Wilco

Album: Wilco (The Album)
Label: Nonesuch/Warner
Rating: ●●●½

OR BETTER YET, let's just call this Wilco Can Take It Easy Now. In fact, album number seven offers all the best moments of this Chicago alt-rock outfit's career: A bit of country flavouring here, some tension-laden experimental rock there. Add to that some fresh inspiration via a lovely duet with Canuck songstress Feist, the dry-witted self-referential title song and subtle melodic nods to the Traveling Wilburys and Big Star. All make for a fun and worthy listen, but you're left with the feeling that much of this territory has been covered before — and in better doses.

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Wilco (The Album) offers all the best moments from the Chicago group's career — country, experimental rock and even a duet with Feist.

Sunset Rubdown

Album: Dragonslayer
Label: JagJaguwar/Sonic Unyon
Rating: ●●●●

BESIDES BROKEN SOCIAL Scene there isn't another band that's produced such great offshoots than Wolf Parade. It's members are also in Handsome Furs, Frog Eyes and Sunset Rubdown, the latter which has produced one of the more exciting albums of the year so far. On the band's fourth full-length singer Spencer Krug deals in the epic, creating soaring soundscapes, loud blasts of fuzz, wild noises and heavy, beating drums. This is a vast improvement over 2007's Random Spirit Lover and yet another reason why no one's missing Wolf Parade.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Rob Thomas

Album: Cradlesong
Label: Atlantic/Warner
Rating: ●●●

SAY WHAT YOU will about Rob Thomas, but the guy knows how to cater to his audience. The former Matchbox 20 frontman will never write the next great American song, but he will sell copious amounts of records playing middle-of-the-road, radio friendly pop to 30-something suburban guys and gals who haven't bothered to listen to new music since they were 23. And for the demographic Thomas' new disc is fantastic. It's all light and inoffensive, easy to sing along with, and exactly what his fans are looking for.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Moby

Album: Wait for Me
Label: Warner/Asylum
Rating: ●●●½

IT'S BEEN A decade since Moby released his smash dance club hit Play, but his latest might be the New York-based artist's most intriguing album. There's nary a party beat here — it's all haunting, introspective atmospherics that would be better suited to a frightening film than a club. There is some singing, but Moby's left that to his friends. Wait for Me isn't for everyone, its airy bent could be hard to enjoy but when it comes down to it, Moby is challenging himself again.

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Levon Helm

Album: Electric Dirt
Label: Vanguard
Rating: ●●●●

LEVON HELM SHAKES the soil of his weather-worn overalls and slips into some Sunday go-to-meetin' clothes for this follow-up to the Grammy-winning Dirt Farmer CD. This album, lovingly produced by Bob Dylan guitarist Larry Campbell with the help of Levon's daughter Amy, has all the feel of a sod buster's weekend trip to town. Electric Dirt is a delightful compendium of well-mined covers from the songbooks of American gospel, country and blues legends like Muddy Waters, Roebuck Staples and Randy Newman. Helm's Bourbon Street treatment of Jerry Garcia's Tennessee Jed offers Deadheads another trip to heaven and the lone original, Growin' Trade, gives them the means of getting there.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

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Jackson leaves estate to family trust

Michael Jackson's seven-year-old will was filed yesterday in a Los Angeles court, giving his entire estate to a family trust and cutting out his former wife Debbie Rowe.

The will, dated July 7, 2002, estimated his estate at that time at more than $500 million US.

It names his mother, Katherine Jackson, as a beneficiary of the trust and the guardian of Jackson's children, who are named in the will.

It also names entertainer Diana Ross as a successor guardian for the children and their estates if something happens to Katherine Jackson.

Ross introduced the Jackson 5 on the Ed Sullivan Show in the late 1960s and was a lifelong friend of Michael Jackson.

Meanwhile, a person familiar with the situation said no public Jackson memorial was planned for Neverland. Santa Barbara officials had discussed the possibility a memorial or public viewing could occur Thursday.

But the person, who is not authorized to speak for the family and requested anonymity, said nothing was planned for Neverland through Friday. The source said it appears more likely a funeral and burial will take place in Los Angeles. The family has the final say.

The person says billionaire Thomas Barrack, who owns Neverland in a joint venture with Jackson, sought an exemption to bury the singer at the ranch. But the person says it couldn't be done for a burial this week.

The will gives the entire estate to the Michael Jackson Family Trust.

The documents said Jackson's estate consisted almost entirely of "non-cash, non-liquid assets, including primarily an interest in a catalogue of music royalty rights which is currently being administered by Sony ATV, and the interests of various entities."

One of Jackson's most lucrative assets is his stake in the massive Sony-ATV Music Publishing Catalog, which includes music by the Beatles, Bob Dylan and Neil Diamond, and worth as much as $2 billion. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

No Boyle on Betty

Susan Boyle won't be appearing on an episode of Ugly Betty, an ABC rep confirms to usmagazine.com. The U.K. Sun reported the Britain's Got Talent runner-up, 48, was contacted by the network last month to "play herself." USMAGAZINE.COM

Breaking on Twitter

Microblog latest source of fast news, rumours

Cassy Hayes and Jasmine Coleman were among the first fans to arrive outside the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles where Michael Jackson was brought and later pronounced dead.

How had Hayes, 25, and Coleman, 21, heard the news so quickly?

Twitter.

The two young women had learned about Jackson's health like so many who get their news nowadays: by reading the ever-flowing feed of real-time information on the microblogging service.

Jackson's unexpected death at 50 was just the latest major news event where Twitter played a central role. But just as quickly as Twitter has emerged as a news source, so, too, has its susceptibility to false rumours become abundantly apparent.

To date, the most salient, powerful example of Twitter's influence has been

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Thanks to Twitter, fans quickly gathered outside the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles following Michael Jackson's hospitalization.

Iranian protesters using the service (among many other methods) to assemble marches against what they feel has been an unjust election.

Twitter also produced eyewitness accounts of the Mumbai terrorist attacks last year. And when the US Airways jetliner crashed into New York's Hudson River.

Many users have become accustomed to clicking on Twitter when news breaks. There, they can find a sea of reaction, commentary and links to actual articles.

The popular technology blog TechCrunch recently questioned whether Twitter is "the CNN of the new media generation."

"Twitter absolutely changes the media landscape," said Ross Dawson, communications strategy analyst. "I like to refer to Marshall McLuhan's description of media as 'an extension of our senses.' Now, Twitter is extending our senses to tens of millions of people who are often right on the scene where things are happening."

But truthfulness remains the biggest problem: Those direct, near-instantaneous dispatches are far less reliable than old-fashioned journalism. News that circulates on Twitter, re-tweeted from person to person, can spread quickly — often too quickly for it to be verified. False rumours spread

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Analyst Ross Dawson

daily on Twitter.

Patrick Swayze, who is battling pancreatic cancer, recently had to defend that he is indeed still alive after thousands of Twitter users spread the news that he was dead.

Jeff Goldblum had to do the same. On Monday, he appeared on Comedy Central's The Colbert Report to confirm his warm-bloodedness. The host, Stephen Colbert, refused to believe him, preferring the random accounts on Twitter.

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Stevie Wonder sings a version of I Just Called to Say I Love You in memory of Michael Jackson on Tuesday in Montreal.

Wonder-ful tribute to MJ

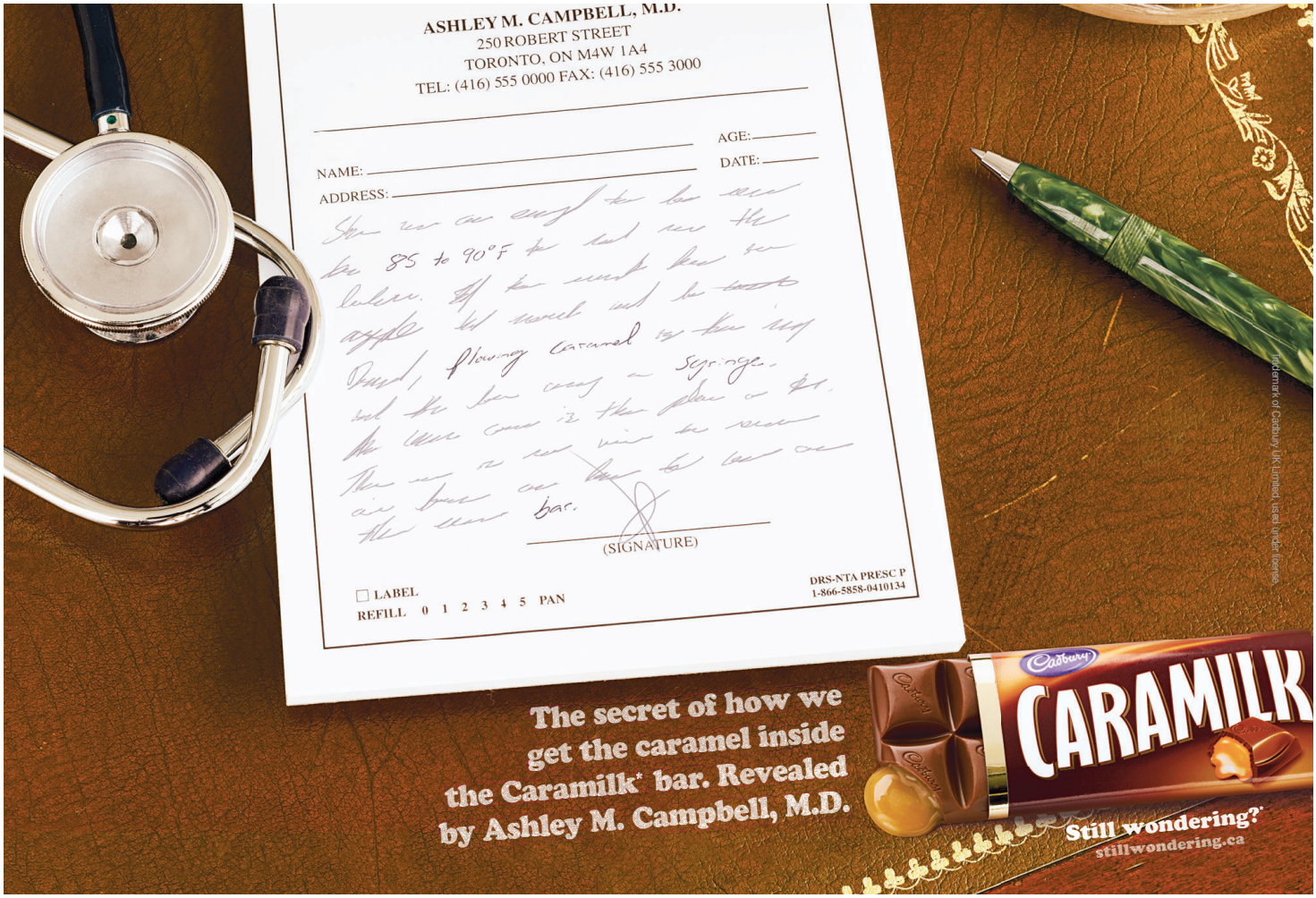
TRIBUTE Stevie Wonder tinkered with the words of one of his biggest hits on Tuesday to honour Michael Jackson and insisted the pop icon should be remembered for his musical greatness and not the darker twists of his life.

It was a theme he invoked in a pre-show news conference and carried to his concert opening the 30th edition of the Montreal International Jazz Festival on Tuesday, where he told cheering throngs, "I want us to celebrate the life and legacy of Michael Jackson.

"We can continue to keep the life and the spirit of this man's music alive forever," he said. "Are you ready to celebrate?"

The crowd roared its readiness in response.

The singer was clearly moved when talking about his old friend and his voice broke several times. But for all the praise he gave at the news conference about Jackson, who died last week, the most poignant tribute came when Wonder sat down at a piano and delivered a rendition of I Just Called To Say I Love You. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Cowell cashes in

Simon Cowell already makes $36 million US a year from American Idol, but according to a new report, he has been offered between $100 million and $144 million per year to stay on as an Idol judge. **POPEATER.COM**

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Tameka Raymond, left, and Usher appear together in this file photo.

Usher's wife claims she's taken aback by divorce

Court papers say Tameka believed her 'marriage was intact'

The wife of R&B singer Usher was surprised when the entertainer filed for divorce earlier this month and claims the two were intimate less than a week before he moved to end the marriage, according to court documents.

Tameka Raymond, 38, disputes Usher's claims the couple have been separated since July 2008. She said in court documents filed Monday in Fulton County Superior Court in Atlanta that she "had every reason to believe her marriage was intact" and that two were "intimately together as husband and wife as recently as June 6."

Usher, whose real name is Usher Raymond IV, filed for divorce June 12, claiming there is "no reasonable hope of reconciliation" and the marriage is "irretrievably broken." He is seeking joint custody of the couple's two sons, 1-1/2-year-old Usher Raymond V and six-month-old Naviyd Ely Raymond.

Tameka Raymond has three children from a previous marriage.

She said through her divorce lawyer, Randy Kessler, that she has been a faithful wife and loving mother during the marriage.

In Monday's filing, Tameka Raymond asked a judge to ensure that Usher continues to support his family while the divorce works its way through the courts, including paying her legal fees.

The couple married in August 2007 in a lavish ceremony. About 200 people attended their wedding at resort built in the style of a 16th-century-style French chateau on 1,416 hilly hectares outside Atlanta.

A call to Usher's divorce lawyer was not immediately returned Tuesday.

Before the two married, Usher had a string of romances, most notably his three-year relationship with Chilli from the group TLC.

The Grammy-winning artist's hits include Confessions, Burn, You Make Me Wanna and Yeah!

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Clooney moves his production firm to Sony

FILM George Clooney has lined up a new home for his production company. Clooney and producing partner Grant Heslov's Smoke House Pictures is in final negotiations on a two-year development and production deal with Sony Pictures, studio Co-Chairwoman Amy Pascal said Tuesday.

For many years, Clooney had been set up at Warner Bros., first with his Section Eight partnership with Steven Soderbergh and later with Smoke House. Clooney said he felt like "part of a family" at Warner.

"I'm leaving a terrific company and a lot of dear friends. They're a class act," said Clooney, 48, who called Sony a "perfect match" for Smoke House. "Grant Heslov and I hope to deliver the kind of films that will make them proud." While at Warner, Clooney won a supporting-actor Academy Award for Syriana and had a best-director nomination the same year for Good Night, and Good Luck, which Heslov produced.

Smoke House still has half a dozen projects in development at Warner Bros. that will remain there. Future Clooney and Heslov projects will be developed at Sony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Knight on Broadway

No sooner does T.R. Knight strip off his Grey's Anatomy scrubs than the former George O'Malley has landed his next gig — on Broadway. The actor is set to star in a revival of the farce, Lend Me a Tenor, reports Variety. **PEOPLE.COM**

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New York treatment

City proves too intimidating for ousted model

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

While running through the rainy streets of world fashion capital New York City, Heather Delaney realized she wasn't in Toronto anymore. This was the big league.

"I know that in New York specifically you need to be tiny tiny for the job," said the Ottawa-based Canada's Next Top Model contestant, 20. "I think I was a little hesitant already when I was heading to New York feeling that way … I was nervous."

Predisposition proved counterproductive for Delaney. Failing to impress New York designers when the five remaining women were whisked southbound for consultations called "go-sees" on Tuesday night's episode, the hopeful was sent home. But Winnipeg's Meghan DeWarreng-Waller felt right at home in New York, winning the go-see challenge, with Edmonton's Linsay Willier trailing closely.

Their competition was limited, however, when Maryam Massoumi from North Vancouver, B.C., was forced to remain in Toronto for not having a passport.

It was the second time during the series Massoumi couldn't participate due to the setback. And although the show organized a domestic shoot for her last time, the second strike was her last one.

However, Massoumi dodged the obstacle by calling her photographer friend to shoot her in his home — a basic white-backdrop set-up featuring Massoumi with a gecko on her back and makeup to match.

It didn't match the shoot the other women participated in. Atop a New York high-rise, the competitors posed for two photographs: One as a model diva and a second as the preppy crewmember styling her. The images were then integrated into one, each model playing her own alter ego.

Canada's Next Top Model airs Tuesday nights on CTV

Ottawa-based Heather Delaney is the latest contestant to leave Canada's Next Top Model.

Back in Toronto, the judges awarded the week's top photo to Willier, who rebounded from her bottom two position the week prior, finally sending Delaney home.

"I think the judges felt, in the real world, I wouldn't be able to book the job," she said. "I'd been struggling with really showing my personality throughout the show and doing castings was really tough for me."

Delaney also struggled with being compared to fellow tall blonde DeWarreng-Waller, who typically fared worse than her. But as her competition began to outshine her, Delaney said she saw the end in sight.

"Of course you never want the experience to end — it's fun and I'll never likely have the opportunity to do something like that again. But at the same time, it was quite stressful, so there was a little bit of relief, for sure."

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critics'corner

Handyman Superstar Challenge
They may not qualify for "Canada's Worst Handyman," but the do-it-yourselfers competing on this show — which starts its fourth season tonight — are far from perfect. Ten contestants, all accomplished do-it-yourselfers, undergo an assortment of challenges to determine which of them - if any — is deserving of the title "superstar." Karen Bertelsen hosts, and Mike Holmes ("Holmes on Homes") and Jim Caruk ("Real Renos") are the judges. 2 PM on H&G

The Good Shepherd
It's not the best-written or most compelling mystery movie of recent years, but it's nice to see Christian Slater in a starring role again. He plays a priest who teams up with an old flame (Molly Parker), now a reporter, to clear a fellow priest (Von Flores) charged with murder. Stephen Rea ("The Crying Game") and Gordon Pinsent also appear in the 2004 mystery. 9 PM on V

In brief

DEATH The family of Karl Malden says the actor who won an Oscar for his role in A Streetcar Named Desire has died at age 97. Malden's family informed the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences of his death yesterday. Malden served as the academy's president from 1989-92.

SHOW The distinctions between broadcast and cable TV are crumbling, and that's never been clearer than in the past week. Sunday's BET Awards were seen by 10.7 million viewers. That's more than any other program on a cable this year, narrowly beating last Monday's divorce edition of TLC's Jon&Kate Plus 8.

CONTRACT Magician Lance Burton is staying on the Las Vegas Strip for another six years. Burton and the Monte Carlo hotel-casino said Tuesday that they have agreed to a new contract that will keep him as the resort's headliner through 2015. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenya's Style
Kenya Hunt
Read the blog at metronews.ca/kenyasstyle

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If you've got it, flaunt it: Hayden
Hayden Panettiere's upcoming role in the movie I Love You, Beth Cooper will give fans a good look as she bares all, people.com reports. The 20-year-old says, "If I can't flaunt it at 20, come on! I mean I might as well show it now." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna's still got it

PROVOCATEUR A promo by Madonna for an upcoming show in St. Petersburg, Russia, is causing outrage because the star swears in the first few seconds of the taped message.

The singer starts the promo for her Aug. 2 show by saying it will be "F—in amazing" in Russia.

The promo has rattled even her local management. "We are not just amazed, it's not the right word — we are in shock," said Marianna Lubina, press representative of the PMI company, which is bringing Madonna to St. Petersburg. "Her greeting is extremely short, and will be much shorter when we cut this filthy word."

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Saying goodbye to an angel

FINAL FAREWELL Ryan and Redmond O'Neal tearfully joined Farrah Fawcett's closest friends and family for the actress' private funeral Tuesday afternoon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles, people.com reports.

Fawcett's Charlie's Angels co-star Kate Jackson, along with Marla Maples, Joan Collins and Tatum O'Neal were among the 200 guests attending the hour-long Catholic service, where longtime pal Alana Stewart and Fawcett's doctor Lawrence Piro delivered eulogies.

"Goodbye sweet girl," said Stewart. "(Farrah) never felt sorry for herself during her illness ... she fought cancer furiously."

"She's the most beautiful angel in heaven," she added. "She always seemed so indestructible."

O'Neal and son Redmond served as pallbearers carrying Fawcett's casket, adorned with yellow and orange flowers.

"The funeral was really just beautiful and so sweet," Lisa Fawcett, the actress' cousin, told People. A special moment during the service came when "everyone just embraced (Redmond)," she said about Fawcett's 24-year-old son, who was allowed to leave jail and attend.

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Duff as McCain's daughter?

ROLE OF A LIFETIME Megan McCain, daughter of U.S. Senator John McCain, is already casting the movie version of her forthcoming memoir, even though she hasn't finished writing it yet.

"I want Hilary Duff to play me. I think she's really hot — hotter than me — but I'd still want her to play me," McCain told Gatecrasher, though she admits she isn't picky. "Really, I'd take anyone who's blonde."

McCain says she's writing the book as part political, part memoir. "It's like Primary Colors meets Tori Spelling's sTori Telling," she explained. "I want young women to actually be able to read it."

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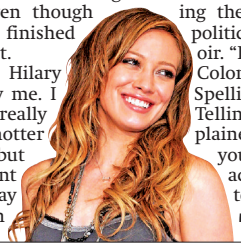

Anniversaries, Beckham-style

OVER THE TOP David Beckham has rented a private island to celebrate his tenth wedding anniversary with wife Victoria, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The soccer star is keen to show the former Spice Girl how much he loves her, and has organized a romantic getaway at Sir Richard Branson's exclusive and luxurious Necker Island resort.

A source said: "David has pulled in a few favours. He has bought Victoria a lot of other gifts to mark the occasion but the big surprise is the holiday to Necker.

"Richard Branson owns the paradise island and sorted the trip out, including all the travel arrangements. It will be something to remember."

The couple — who have three sons together, Brooklyn, 10, Romeo, six, and four-year-old Cruz — married on July 4, 1999.

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Lindsay staged bash for cash?

PARTY POOPER Lindsay Lohan turns 23 today, and it turns out that early birthday party she threw in Las Vegas last weekend was a lucrative one.

Lohan was reportedly paid $70,000 US to host the "pre-celebration" at the MGM Grand, according to Page Six. But some say it was just business for the actress. "None of her really close friends were there," a source says.

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GETTY IMAGES

Courtney explains weight loss

KURT DRAMA Super-skinny Courtney Love says "I know I've got too skinny" after her malnutrition diagnosis, she tells Grazia magazine. Love says it's all due to stress over millions of dollars that are missing from Kurt Cobain's estate. "You have no idea what it has been like these last few months. I need to get to the bottom of this fraud, I need answers."

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Bradley makes the rounds

DATING CIRCUIT Days after Bradley Cooper declared he and Jennifer Aniston are just "friends," the Hangover star went on a dinner date with Renee Zellweger, usmagazine.com reports.

The two dined at Italian restaurant Antonucci on New York City's Upper East Side on Tuesday night.

At one point, Cooper took Zellweger's tea cup and smelled it and her face lit up. When Cooper spoke, Zellweger played with her hair, twisting it around her finger.

"She was grinning ear-to-ear and laughing really loud," added the onlooker. "Bradley kept moving closer to her and slouching in his seat. He was really relaxed.

"He seemed to be hanging onto to Renee's every word," said the witness. "They were lost in their own little world."

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Hollywood a tough gig

FAME'S FOLLIES America Ferrera struggled to cope with her overnight fame — and felt like an "outsider" in Hollywood, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 25-year-old actress was thrust into the public eye when Ugly Betty became an instant TV hit in 2006. Ferrera admits she found it difficult adjusting to life as a celebrity because she suddenly felt as though she was public property.

She said, "I've never spoken to a single person who knew how to handle Hollywood with ease. It's a different universe.

"You have to learn how to be yourself, but belong to so many other people at the same time and let them think what they want about you, but still know who you are. And I certainly have been in many situations where I felt like an outsider looking in."

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No truth to Megan-Shia buzz

OUT OF HIS LEAGUE Rumours about Transformers co-stars Megan Fox and Shia LaBeouf dating may have just been wishful thinking, since Fox has been spotted in Las Vegas with on-and-off boyfriend, Brian Austin Green, Hollyscoop reports.

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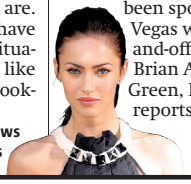

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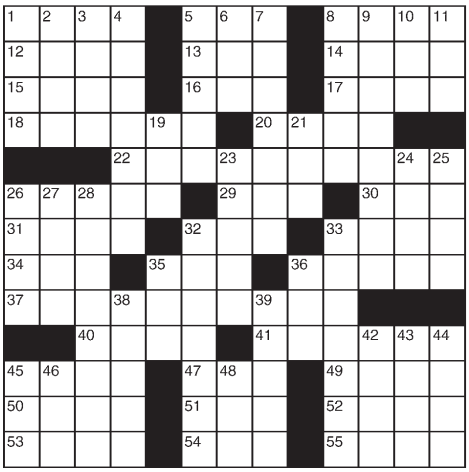

Crossword across

1 Forbidden (Var.)
5 Actress Thurman
8 Chaste
12 Unsigned (Abbr.)
13 Persona-grata link
14 A single time
15 Hexagonal state
16 Spacecraft compartment
17 Cicatrix
18 Long, harsh speech
20 Bar
22 With feet turned inward
26 Froot —
29 Little louse
30 Attempt
31 Partner in crime
32 Additionally
33 Actor LaBeouf
34 Midafternoon hour
35 Ostrich's cousin
36 Enthusiast, plus
37 Fit together
40 List-ending abbr.
41 Zurer of Angels & Demons
45 Quaker pronoun
47 Space
49 Staffer
50 Saharan
51 Hearty brew
52 Bridle part
53 Gilligan's home
54 Wire measure
55 Hardly a purebred

Crossword down

1 Lacking slack
2 Con
3 Wild porker
4 Blue
5 Let off the hook?
6 Cattle call?
7 C-3P0, for example
8 Suggest, as a theory
9 Strip
10 Nipper's co.
11 Always, in verse
19 Insult
21 Pismire
23 Boredom
24 Green land
25 Twosome
26 Set down
27 Medley
28 Salad dressing ingredient
32 Blend
33 Weapon of a sort
35 Greek H
36 Tina of 30 Rock
38 Chopin piece
39 Boutonniere site
42 Stead
43 Tend texts
44 Circus shelter
45 Skater Babilonia
46 Storefront sign abbr.
48 — Baba

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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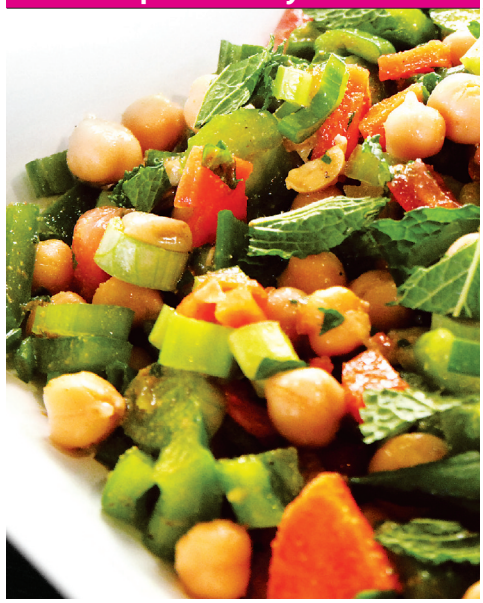
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



JENNIFER TIFFIN

Moroccan Chickpea Salad

Submitted by Stephanie Ein, Montreal

INGREDIENTS:
1 stalk celery, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 med. tomato, diced
1 med. onion or 6 green onions, diced
1 can chick peas, drained (19 oz)
1/2 cup of feta cheese

DRESSING:
2 tbsp olive oil
3 tbsp red wine vinegar
2 tbsp fresh lemon juice (about 1/2 lemon)
1 tbsp fresh parsley
1 tsp fresh mint
1 tbsp & 1 tsp dried ground cumin
Salt and pepper to taste

submitted by a Club Member!

METHOD:
Toss diced vegetables and drained chickpeas.
Stir dressing ingredients together. (Dressing will look thick and muddy). Pour over veggies and toss.

SERVES 2

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you see conspiracies at every turn you've allowed your suspicions to get out of hand. Nothing harm you — except your own negative thinking..

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Today you will be acutely aware of changes in your professional situation. But there is no need to panic. These particular changes are good for you.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
With cosmic activity in the travel area of the heavens looking a little unsettled, weigh your options carefully before booking a vacation.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Something has sparked you off and you intend to extract from it very last bit of fun and excitement. Just watch it doesn't cost you more than you can afford.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Forget about everything but having a good time. And if you have that good time alongside someone you love it could be one of the best days of the year.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
As usual you'll be on the go from dawn to dusk, but activity in the wellbeing area of your chart is a bit unstable just now, so don't take unnecessary risks.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have to rethink an undertaking that promised so much just a short time ago. It's still promising, but be realistic about your objectives.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone needs a shoulder to cry on and you'll try to comfort them. You might also like to point out where and why they went wrong — but nicely.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Whatever your responsibilities, make time for some fun and games today. Life may be a serious business but there should be time for laughter too.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Step outside what you are working on and see it from a wider perspective. There may be a better way to go about your task.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You won't want to push yourself at all today. Why should you when there are better qualified people to take care of the heavy stuff? Take a rest.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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3. Praise a Ponzi scheme (1)
4. More despicable Indiana NBAer (2)
5. '70s supermodel Tiegs' hazards (2)
6. Flaking room top (2)
7. Riverbed searcher's accounting books (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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1. CZECH DECK 2. DAZE HAYES 3. LAID FRAUD 4. HASER PACER 5. CHERYL'S PEARLS 6. PEELING CEILING 7. DREDGERS LEDGERS

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6535B Mississauga Rd.
G16 - 3024 Hurontario St.
101 - 6200 Dixie Rd.
9 - 34 Bristol Rd. E
2 - 4920 Tomken Rd.

Oakville
Oakville Place
RioCan Burloak
18 - 2501 Third Line
760 Pacific Rd.

NORTH

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Pacific Mall

Newmarket
Upper Canada Mall
1100 Gorham St.

Richmond Hill
Hillcrest Shopping Centre
4 - 11005 Yonge St.
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1076 Hoover Park Dr.

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